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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ninety-Seventh Annual Session

THEME: PROCLAMATION '76

Program

Tuesday, October 21, 1975
Olivet Baptist Church
Long Island, N. C.

3:30	Registration	
4:00	Worship	Beeler J. Morris
4:15	Organization and Order of Business	
	Welcome	
	Recognition of Visitors	
	Introduction of New Workers	Don L. Ballenger
4:25	Moderator's Address	Coy H. Dellinger
4:50	Hymn	
4:55	Reports and Miscellaneous Business	
	Treasurer	Mrs. J. E. Helms
	Finance Committee	Alvin L. Hoyle
	Executive Committee	Elliott Loftin
	Committee on Committees	James F. Collette
	Missions Committee	Charles N. Cranford
	Nominating Committee	Floyd T. Kirksey
	Program Committee	D. Harding Caldwell
5:15	Scripture Reading and Prayer	Alvin L. Hoyle
	Message in Music	
	Annual Sermon	Guy P. Helms
6:00	Benediction	Aaron Wylie

Supper

7:00	Worship	Melvin D. Rabb
7:15	Special Music	Choir, First Baptist Church Lincolnton
7:25	Director of Missions' Address	James B. McQuere
7:50	Hymn	
7:55	Special Music	Choir, First Baptist Church Lincolnton
8:05	"Cooperative Program - 50th Anniversary"	Allen A. Bailey, President Baptist State Convention of N. C.
8:45	Benediction	William G. Painter

Wednesday, October 22, 1975
Mt. Anderson Baptist Church
Maiden, N. C.

9:30	Worship	Charles Moseley
9:45	Children's Homes	W. R. Wagoner
10:15	Annuity Board	Cecil Fox
10:25	Baptist Foundation	C. Gordon Maddrey
10:35	Hymn	
10:40	Christian Higher Education	R. Lewis Beal
11:05	Christian Literature	Woodrow W. Hill
11:15	South Mountain Camp	T. A. Lineberger
11:25	Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business	
11:35	Hymn	
11:40	Memorial Service	James Calvin
11:50	Message in Music	Mr. & Mrs. Kennith D. Adams
11:55	Missionary Address	Miss Sara Ann Hobbs Executive Secretary Woman's Missionary Union of N. C.
12:30	Benediction	Dale W. Holden

Lunch

Officers

Moderator	Coy H. Dellinger
Vice-Moderator	Elliott Loftin
Clerk	Mrs. J. E. Helms
Music Director	Kennith D. Adams
Parliamentarian	Charles H. Ingle
Director of Missions	James B. McQuere

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
William G. Painter

The Challenge

The world's population reached an estimated total of four billion in 1974--most of them without ready access to the Word of God. These people constitute the challenge confronting the churches and the Bible Societies.

The Bible Societies of the world have assumed the task of providing Scriptures in whatever language, formats and varieties required.

Southern Baptist Convention

The American Bible Society supplies Scriptural needs to the state and local organizations for the Southern Baptist Convention. The American Bible Society maintains an effective program in countries where Southern Baptist have missionary activities. Suppling translations of the Scriptures.

Scripture Distribution

The American Bible Society, not only distributes Scriptural translations and new versions of the Scriptures in the United States but also in Eastern Europe and other countries. The American Bible Society translated the New Testament and is scheduled to publish the completed Bible in 1976.

Financial Support

The American Bible Society gives special thanks to the Southern Baptist Convention for its cooperation with the ABS in supporting the Bible cause. In a world whose people are more than ever in need of God's Word, the demand for Scriptures is growing, as are the programs of the Bible Society which serve the church's ministry.

The Society requests the continued support from the Southern Baptist at the 1974 level or more.

The challenge of hundreds of millions of people hungry for God's Word confronts the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Bible Society with unprecedented responsibilities and opportunities. Working together, we can be faithful to the high calling to which we are committed.

ANNUITY BOARD
Albert C. Helms, Jr.

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board serves as a lifeline of support for 10,034 retired pastors and other church-related workers or their widows.

During 1974, the Board paid about $15-1/2 million in retirement and other protection benefits to these annuitants. In the Board's 57-year history, it has paid a total of over $125 million in retirement and protection benefits.

The Annuity Board also holds in trust and invests retirement contributions from 38,000 pastors, other church staff and denominational employes -- which will be converted into annuity benefits when they retire.

These funds held in trust amount to a record $353,445,743. While this seems a large amount of money, it needs to be noted that this must be divided by the number of future annuitants it will serve for the remainder of their lifetimes after retirement.

The Annuity Board would have enjoyed its best year ever in 1974, but the stock market's downturn intervened. Realized and unrealized losses in income from bonds, short-term investments, and common stocks amounted to $21 million.

Gains in other investments reduced the net loss to $11.3 million, or three per cent based on average investments. All investment funds, whether church-related or having other connections, suffered from the stock market decline.

As the stock market began to recover in early 1975, the losses also began to be recovered, Board President Darold H. Morgan said.

In December, 1974, the Board issued a 13th Check to annuitants. It amounted to more than $675,000 and was equal to one month's benefits. It is called a 13th Check because it is issued above and beyond 12 regular monthly benefit checks distributed to annuitants.

In North Carolina 2,134 churches and associations and 2,616 staff members are currently participating in the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
Coy H. Dellinger

1. We granted the Director of Missions 3 weeks leave to attend the Baptist World Alliance, Stockholm, Sweden and asked the churches to contribute toward the expense.

2. We authorized an exterior sketch and detailed drawings for the proposed associational building.

3. We authorized the construction of the associational building at a cost not to exceed $40,000 and instructed the trustees to arrange long-term financing at a rate not to exceed 9%.

4. We authorized the purchase of a Model 326 A. B. Dick offsett and a Model 111 A. B. Dick platemaker at a cost of $2,943.00 plus tax.

5. We approved the proposed 1975-76 budget.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Aaron Wylie

As revealed through a Sunday School lesson during the past year, a good foundation of discipline and training in Spiritual matters is necessary for a young life to develop in a way to withstand the pressures of life during periods of stress and strain. It is almost trite to refer to the need of a good base or foundation for any activity or project contemplated in this life. Not in anyway is there a difference for a need of the Foundation, as thought of in terms of the Baptist Foundation, when we consider the future potentialities and needs to sustain and expand mission efforts and services to bring mankind into the influence of the saving grace of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Chartered in 1919 by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. has sought to assist individuals throughout the state in their estate planning, providing ways to support Baptist institutions and mission work on a permanent basis. Property and funds placed with the Baptist Foundation are invested by a convention elected board of directors with the income paid annually to the institution or mission cause designated by the donor.

Individual assistance is provided Baptists throughout the state in the establishment of trusts that not only benefit the donor but also support the Christian ministries of our denomination in a lasting, perpetual way.

During the past two years, $330,070.41 has been given to the N.C. Baptist Foundation, Inc., in the way of annunity trusts. In this type trust, the donors reserve the right to the income from the investments for their lifetime and then the income will be paid to the Baptist cause specified in the original trust agreement. The laws of our land provide to the donor certain tax advantages for the gift portion of these transactions.

Wills still account for a major portion of the funds held in trust by the Foundation. One such gift to benefit mission work from this year forward, came in the form of a farm and other assets given by the deceased. It was determined by the tax records found in this estate, that this person will give annually three times as much for missions through the income

from the trust fund, as she was ever able to earn in total wages during any year of her lifetime. So what she could not do for our Lord's work here on earth in her lifetime, she does after her life here among us has ended.

New gifts to be held in trust by the N.C. Baptist amounted to $635,079.57 during 1974-75 fiscal year. Added to the market value of assets held from previous years brings the total value to $2,331,559.67 as of June 30, 1975. Income from all assets held by the Foundation which have been or will be designated beneficiaries in the near future amounted to $76,257.82 for the past 12 months.

For services offered by the Foundation to individuals or churches, please contact Mr. Edwin S. Coates, Executive Secretary, N. C. Baptist Foundation, Inc., P. O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 (Tel No. 919-833-1605). All inquiries and assistance are considered confidential and personal matters.

CHILDREN'S HOMES
W. R. Wagoner

Christian child care provided by the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is a cooperative missions. It was through the life, teaching and ministry of Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit that North Carolina Baptists launched their child care ministry 90 years ago. Today it is recognized as one of the outstanding ministries of its kind in the nation.

The lives of more than 3,700 people were affected in a significant way through the services of the Homes during the past year. Daily care and related services were provided 1,524 children. Of this number, 1,061 were in continuing programs while 463 received casework, counseling, and referral services. While we were caring for the children, a close working relationship was maintained with 2,178 adults in an effort to reestablish homes and strengthen family relationships.

New and exciting developments are in progress throughout the state. During the past year emergency shelters were opened in Charlotte and Forest City to meet the needs of children requiring immediate assistance. Both Broyhill Home and Mills Home will have a new cottage for children constructed during the next year. Progress is being made to expand facilities at Odum Home. Increasing numbers of families are opening hearts and homes for the care of foster children. All of these indidate a living, vital and growing ministry to people.

The award winning film, "The Mountain Within," meets with praise and appreciation wherever it is shown. It will continue to be available by request, either to the Communications Department of the Baptist State Convention or to the Children's Homes.

A cooperative mission requires that the parties involved have a clear, common purpose to which they are firmly committed, undergirded by mutual

trust, and clear communications. These three factors characterize the relationships between the Baptists of North Carolina and their Children's Homes. Through the Cooperative Program and the Thanksgiving Offering, Baptists throughout the state can share a commitment to Christian child care. In response, the staff of the Children's Homes is committed to translate this support into a dynamic ministry of love and concern for children and families in need. With God's continued blessing we will move together to fulfill our mission.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
B. J. Morris

The purpose of the Christian Action League is: to provide a medium through which (1) individuals, who believe that as Christians they are their brother's keeper, (2) Churches and their organizations, and (3) social agencies may unitedly cooperate in a scientific, moral and religious effort to find solutions to the problems involved in and arising from (1) the manufacture, use and sale of alcoholic beverages and narcotics, (2) gambling, (3) the use and sale of obscene writings, (4) the conditions which produce Juvenile Delinquency, and (5) other related matters which adversely affect the morality of our society.

The Christian Action League has been involved in many areas this year, especially through its Task Force on Obscenity and Pornography. A Bill to abate as a public nuisance the dissemenation of obscene and pornographic materials on a State level was introduced to the State Legislature. Many ordinances regulating massage parlors were passed in cities across the State. Ordinances regulating the sale of obscene and pornographic materials have been passed and are to be tested in the courts. The Christian Action League is endeavoring to raise $30,000 to help with these court cases. Churches in North Carolina have been asked to help with their prayers and money.

A Committee has been appointed to investigate and make recommendations regarding violence, sex, and obscenities on television.

The President of the Christian Action League is Rev. Bill Wallace, Gastonia. Trustees from our Association are: Rev. B. J. Morris and Carolyn Baker, Boger City Baptist; Rev. Melvin D. Rabb, East Maiden Baptist; and Peggy Hallman, Pleasant Grove United Methodist.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Grady Bumgarner

Baptist colleges in North Carolina see themselves as active participants in the Christian mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people everywhere. In addition to the important role of preparing future lay leaders for local churches, the colleges continue a strong emphasis upon ministerial and church-related vocational training.

In April of 1975, our seven colleges reported a total of 715 persons who were preparing for careers in church leadership. Most of these persons will complete their preparation by attending a seminary. Southern Baptist seminaries listed an enrollment of 303 graduates of North Carolina Baptist colleges in the spring of 1975. The Foreign Mission Board has under appointment 152 of our graduates at present, more than 6% of the total number of current missionary personnel. In addition, a significant number of Baptist college trained persons serve in strategic posts with the Home Mission Board, Baptist state conventions and associational missions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist college students receive excellent experience and training for church and missionary service through Baptist Youth Corps. Approximately 100 Baptists college students were assigned to churches for the summer of 1975. The colleges furnish one-half of the Youth Corps worker's salary, and thus enjoy a vital partnership with churches and students in summer mission work.

With the exception of what students pay, the Cooperative Program continues to be the largest single source of annual income for our colleges. In these days of financial uncertainty, the colleges are grateful for the level of support which North Carolina Baptists have maintained. During 1975, the anticipated Cooperative Program budget for the colleges will provide: Campbell College, $416,066; Chowan College, $263,333; Gardner-Webb College, $329,166; Mars Hill College, $360,776; Meredith College, $360,776; Wake Forest University, $639,900; and Wingate College, $263,333. It is accurate to say that the ministry of North Carolina Baptist colleges, as we know it today, is the direct result of Cooperative Program support.

Another way the churches help to relieve the colleges' financial burden is through the annual offering on Father's Day. Designated for student aid, this offering gives much-needed assistance to many students from Baptist churches, making an education on a Christian college campus possible.

Pastors and other church leaders can assist their young people and our colleges by encouraging attendance at a Baptist college. Information is available in brochure form, free of charge, from the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh. Each of the colleges pledges to North Carolina Baptist young people that no qualified student will be turned away for purely financial reasons. Through grants, loans and work scholarships, an education is available for anyone who seriously seeks it.

North Carolina Baptist colleges are committed to Christian values, and to an active partnership with their fellow-Baptists in evangelism, missions, education and social concern. Your Baptist colleges sincerely solicit the supportive prayers of North Carolina Baptist churches, that we will be aware of and receptive to Divine guidance in performing the work which we have been given to do.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Harold L. Brown

The Southern Baptist Convention is constantly trying to assist all of it's member church bodies in the implementing and carrying-out of it's over-all work by producing Christian Literature. This particular type of literature is geared to train, to instruct, to guide, to motivate, and to indoctrinate, all of the members in the affiliated church groups. The Southern Baptist Sunday School is ever busy in producing great quantities of literature for the Sunday School, the Training Ministry, the Music Ministry, the W.M.U. work, the Brotherhood work, and all the other associated efforts contained in these major group efforts. The Christian Literature circulation increased by 12.8 thousand over last years gross production. So it is easy to see that the Christian Literature emphasis is growing and expanding year by year.

Another element of the Christian Literature activity is our Baptist State Paper - "The Biblical Recorder." All of the editors of the various state Papers were recognized on the platform at the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami Beach, Florida in June of this year. Dr. Louie D. Newton called each editor by name and gave the amount of the circulation of the existing papers in 1925, and then he gave the circulation figures for 1975 and this revealed the tremendous amount of increase over the years in circulation of the papers.

The "Biblical Recorder" was one of the 33 state papers in circulation in 1926. It is now circulating more than 112,000 copies at each printing. It is hoped that this number can be increased over another 1,000 church families by the end of this years work.

Christian Literature has as it's primary objective the fact of informing, of teaching, or of communicating the Christian message in a Christian way, and in a deeply spiritual way to all it's members. Our main distinctive thrust should be producing and printing explicitely Christian materials for those members of our churches. Also these materials, in order to be pre-eminently Christian, should be true, faithful, and solidly anchored to the Bible. There should be no mere lip-service here - saying we really believe the Bible to be the Word of God - and then dissecting it, and tearing it assunder and saying it is in error. Christian Literature that is worthy of it's name always magnifies and strengthens the PLACE AND THE POSITION OF THE "WORD OF GOD." Not only does true Christian Literature bring honor and respect to the Bible, but it deepens and strengthens the spiritual fibre and well-being of the ones for which it is printed, and to whom it is circulated. It helps to motivate and to inspire the people for whom it is printed to become more daily like Him, even the Living Lord Jesus. Thus, to be more like Him in this life, is to prepare to be more like Him throughout eternity.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
James F. Collette

Executive Committee		
Three years	Harold L. Brown	John Clark
Chairman	Charles H. Ingle	
Finance Committee		
Three years	Donald Willis	David Ross
Chairman	Bob Hawley	
Missions Committee		
Three years	Alvin L. Hoyle	Elliott Loftin
Chairman	Charles N. Cranford	
Nominating Committee		
Three years	D. Harding Caldwell	Guy P. Helms
Chairman	Robert A. Cantwell	
Program Committee		
Three years	Donald W. Ferrell	L. Deck Taylor
Chairman	Donald L. Ballenger	
Evangelism Committee		
Three years	John P. Smith	
Chairman	Foyd Bennett	
Ordination Committee		
One year	Paul Crotts	
Two years	William G. Painter	
Three years	Floyd T. Kirksey	Aaron Wylie
Chairman	Charles Moseley	
Resolutions Committee		
Three years	J. C. Beal	
Chairman	Mrs. Joe D. Drum	
Stewardship Committee		
Three years	Bill R. Cook	
Chairman	Alvin Stewart	
Christian Life Committee		
Three years	Joe D. Drum	
Chairman	Loyd J. Spencer	

EVANGELISM
Foyd Bennett

The South Fork Baptist Association sponsored an associational Evangelism Conference at Lincolnton First Church. Three of our pastors were the speakers for this conference. This was inspirational and rewarding to all who attended.

Several of our pastors attended the state evangelistic conference in Greensboro. I want to encourage each church to make every effort to provide for their pastor to attend the conference on evangelism, which will be in Asheville this February.

On February 24 we will have the associational evangelism conference. In this conference we hope to have every church represented. April 4-11 has been set aside for our churches to join in a Simultaneous Revival effort to reach all the lost in our area. Please begin to pray and start your planning now.

If we are to be New Testament Churches we must come back to basic principles and priorities. The Word of God must have priority. The second priority is evangelism, "ye are my witnesses." Where are your priorities?

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Elliott Loftin

The committee met each month that a quorum was present. At each meeting the financial reports and the activities of the Director of Missions were reviewed.

We approved the application of William Underwood, East Maiden Church, for a vocational scholarship at Gardner-Webb College.

We authorized a change in the medical insurance of the Director of Missions to the State Convention group.

We appointed Donald Ferrell as Brotherhood Director.

We notified Beth Haven Church, reminding them that they were not meeting the requirements of Article 12 of the Constitution.

We approved the program to participate in feeding the hungry of the world as suggested by the Biblical Recorder.

We asked the churches to set aside a Sunday in August for a special offering for the new Associational Office Building.

We approved medical and life insurance for the office secretary.

We instructed the Director of Missions to obtain portraits of former associational personnel.

We approved the placing of a picture of the ground-breaking in the Associational Office Building.

We approved sending the Associational Clerk to a workshop at Ridgecrest.

We recommended D. Harding Caldwell, Melvin D. Rabb, Elliott Loftin and

Truitt Beard as the representative from our association to the State General Board.

We accepted New Hope Church under the watchcare of the association.

We sold the air conditioner, oil drum and stand from the Maiden office for $125.

We instructed the Director of Missions to eliminate the Book of Reports and the Director of Missions' job description from the 1975 Annual.

We engaged Robert A. Cantwell as instructor for the Seminary Extension Center.

The treasurer's books were audited and found to be correct.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Proposed Budget 1975-76

ITEM	PROPOSAL
Director of Missions Salary	$ 9,120.00
Car Allowance	2,500.00
Denominational Meetings	600.00
Retirement Plan	912.00
Hospital Insurance	867.00
Life Insurance	416.00
Home Utilities	900.00
Home Telephone	122.00
Home Upkeep and Repair	300.00
Office Supplies, Postage	1,400.00
Office Utilities	800.00
Office Telephone	350.00
Office Secretary	2,500.00
Christmas Bonuses	225.00
Insurance	450.00
Clerk	275.00
Treasurer	275.00
Annual Meeting	200.00
Social Security	681.00
Annuals	400.00
Sunday School	100.00
Church Training	100.00
W.M.U.	500.00
Brotherhood	100.00
Music	50.00
Audio-Visual Aids	100.00
Evangelism Committee	100.00
Missions Committee	600.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
TOTALS	$25,243.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS
Donald W. Ferrell

For the first time in the history of the Foreign Mission Board the total mission force is more than 2600. This makes the Foreign Mission Board the largest missionary sending agency in the world. This missionary staff includes 148 Journeymen, 191 Associates, 3 Special Project Medical Workers, and 2,264 Career Missionaries. These Missionaries are serving in 83 countries.

It is your gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that support this great work. In 1974 we increased our gifts by 11.40% making the total amount received $41,359,127.00.

Let us continue to pray--to give--and to go, to meet the needs around the world.

HISTORY
Mrs. Harmon James

CALVARY - Dedication and laying of corner stone of new Sanctuary in August. Ordained Mr. & Mrs. Jackie McClung into full Missionary service.
CENTER VIEW - Completed a new Fellowship Building.
FAITH - Dedicated new Sanctuary. Purchased new organ. Installed central air conditioning in Pastorium.
FELLOWSHIP - Remodeled sanctuary. Ordained Jerry White.
GAINSVILLE - Built a 5,300 square foot Educational Building.
LAWING'S CHAPEL - Voted to build a new sanctuary and to convert old sanctuary into classrooms, fellowship hall, etc.
LEONARD'S FORK - Completed Fellowship Building.
LONG SHOALS - Purchased church bus and new organ.
MACEDONIA - Ordained Dewey Crouse, Jr. for the ministry. Construction for new building started.
MOUNT ANDERSON - Renovated the basement and put steps to the outside basement.
MOUNTAIN VIEW - Installed steeple on church building.
NEW HOPE - Organized April 20, 1975.
OAK GROVE - Burned church note May 18, 1975.
REEPSVILLE - Licensed Michael Blevins for the ministry. Installed steeple on church building. Ordained William Pendleton as Deacon.
RIVER VIEW - Miss Cheryl Berry served as Summer Youth Corp Worker. Recreation court built. Called Larry Arnold as Music Director. Ordained as Deacons, Larry Poovey, Reese Reep, Lemuel Summey.
ROSELAND - Moved into new church building in December, 1974.
SALEM - Old church building demolished and building of new sanctuary and additional educational building started.
HOWARD'S CREEK - Installed new carpet and church furniture.

HOME MISSIONS
Bill R. Cook

Southern Baptist churches along with other Christian groups in the United

States were confronted during the latter days of April with an unparalleled opportunity and corresponding responsibility when the U. S. Government evacuated over 130,000 Indochinese refugees and placed them in several refugee camps awaiting sponsorship by concerned U. S. citizens.

The Foreign Mission Board immediately assigned missionaries who had formerly served in Viewtnam to minister to refugees in the camps. The Home Mission Board's Department of Language Missions through its Office of Immigration & Refugee Service immediately set up a process for enlisting sponsoring churches and matching them with refugee families. Local pastors, directors of associational missions, HMB missionaries from the Language Missions Department and the Christian Social Ministries Department all joined in the effort to assist in the massive project.

The first phase was the ministry to the refugees within the camps. Southern Baptist personnel provided opportunity for worship in the Vietnamese language, assisted in English language classes, helped care for the younger children and provided counsel to these newest immigrants.

Phase two was the sponsoring out of the refugees to committed churches or families endorsed by churches. This involved the processing by the U. S. Government through security checks, medical clearance, social security numbering, and the selection of one of the voluntary agencies for sponsor assignment. The Office of Immigration & Refugee Service in Atlanta and Baptist workers at the various camps secured the names of sponsors and followed through on the process--from initial contact by the refugee to his arrival at his new home. As of the early part of September Southern Baptist churches had sponsored over 400 units and approximately 2,000 refugees.

The third phase of the refugee program is the post resettlement ministry. A former missionary to Vietnam, Mr. Lewis Myers, has been assigned by the Foreign Mission Board to the Department of Language Missions, Home Mission Board, to serve as consultant on Vietnamese refugees. Though they are scattered throughout the U. S. larger concentrations of the refugees are living in the cities of the warmer climates, such as San Diego, Los Angeles, Fort Walton Beach, Orlando, Houston, San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth, and Birmingham.

As they have in the past, Southern Baptists have responded well to the need of these who have had to flee their own country. There is much yet to be done. In the earlier stages the better educated, the more highly qualified, the smaller family groups were sponsored out. The thousands still in the camps are those for whom it is more difficult to find sponsors. These include the larger families of six or more and a number of single men. Perhaps these are the ones for whom we should have greater compassion. Sponsorship involves providing for the refugees until they can take care of themselves. It necessitates the provision of housing, food, clothing, normal medical expenses, and assistance in finding employment. It may also involve helping them to learn English, how to shop in American stores, understanding the law, learning to drive and other activities that many of us take for granted. It also provides an opportunity for Christian witness.

HOMES FOR THE AGING
Donald L. Ballenger

There has never been a year in the history of your Baptist Homes when more people have sought the services of the Homes. This has been true particularly of the aging sick person. Almost daily calls come from older persons, and their families, inquiring about admission to one of your five resident Homes and the Skilled Nursing Care Facility of the Homes.

Although we can minister in our North Carolina Baptist Homes to only 230 persons at any given time, we have served hundreds of aging people through the twenty-four years that we have been on the scene at Rest-haven, the Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit, in Winston-Salem, and in our Homes at Albemarle, Hamilton, and Yanceyville. As God continues to bless us and lead us, we will make every effort to expand our ministry and to reach out and help as many older persons as possible in the years ahead. We can do this only by the grace of the Lord and by the increased concern and giving of our Baptist people.

Gifts for 1974-75 from our Baptist Churches, through the Cooperative Program and through the 3rd Sunday of February Offering for the Homes, reflect a very encouraging increase. This is great, and we are grate-ful especially since four out of every five persons who live in our Homes depend upon these love gifts for their care! Your love gift is a life-line to these deserving older persons, and they could not be cared for in the majority of cases, if it were not for you.

The most exciting development in the family of your Baptist Homes for the past year has been the experience of obtaining one of the most beautiful locations in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina for the proposed Western North Carolina Baptist Home. This site is a twenty-one acre tract of land overlooking the city of Asheville, better known as the Pearson Estate, on Richmond Hill, in Northwest Asheville. God Himself, we feel, has guided us in discovering this beautiful site.

Plans are in the making now to raise $1,000,000 for the construction of this new proposed Western North Carolina Baptist Home. These plans initially will include 50 rooms for residents, with living room, dining room, library, chapel and activities room, and other necessary rooms. With the completion of this Home, North Carolina Baptists will be enlarging their base of ministry to almost 300 persons, and older people from Western North Carolina will have a facility to serve the hundreds in their area who will need the service of this lovely facility now and in the years to come.

HOSPITAL
Guy P. Helms

There have been many significant developments, in several different areas, at your Baptist Hospital during the past year.

The new ambulatory care unit has been opened, making possible enlarged and improved services for the Emergency Room, Outpatient Clinics, Physical Therapy and other departments. Renovation of the West Wing will be complete and renovation on the South Wing will begin in early August. The third floor of the Progressive Care Unit has been remodeled to provide 26 beds, therapy room and other improved facilities for Psychiatric services.

The long-awaited EMI-scanner is now in use and is already proving beneficial in detecting blood clots, tumors, strokes and other abnormalities of the brain.

A Family Practice Center opened July 1, 1975 to offer more primary medical care for patients and also to provide specialized training for physicians who choose to enter Family Practice.

During the year the hospital had its biennial review by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation. All areas of operation received and excellent report, but physician service, nursing service and administration all received especially high commendation.

Despite the continued rise in costs for services and materials the hospital has been able to operate in the black. The administration and department heads confer frequently and make diligent effort to see that the hospital operates as efficiently and economically as possible.

Gifts from the Baptist churches have been very gratifying. During the calendar year of 1974 the hospital received $258,898 through the Cooperative Program and $392,000 through the Mother's Day Offering. Hospital staff members have participated in Cooperative Program promotion in cooperation with the State Convention Division of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion.

The Department of Pastoral Care has opened a counseling center in Raleigh, its second satellite center. Plans are developing for a third satellite in the western part of the state. The Department has established a scholarship fund as a memorial to Dr. Richard K. Young, the department's first director, who died December 31. Full re-accreditation was given the School of Pastoral Care in December by the Association of Clincial Pastoral Education.

During the past year Mr. Reid T. Holmes retired as President of the Hospital, after serving in the hospital administration for 29 years.

MISSIONS REPORT
Charles N. Cranford

During this past year we have conducted a film ministry in various nursing and rest homes, under the direction of John P. Smith and

several other laymen. This has afforded opportunities for witness to many of these elderly people.

At the September 1975 meeting of the Executive Committee they accepted New Hope Baptist Church, located on the Prison Road about one and one-half miles from Highway #321 between Maiden and Newton, under the watch-care of the association. We recommend that this church be continued under watchcare for the coming year.

MISSION FUNDS

Balance October 1, 1974		$2,664.11
Receipts:		
Operating budget	$292.57	
Interest earned	189.48	482.05
		$3,146.16

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Floyd T. Kirksey

Parliamentarian.....Charles H. Ingle
Historian.....Mrs. Harmon James
Director of Library Services.....Mrs. Reggie Deaton
Trustee,Chairman.....J. M. Sherrill
Trustee.....Bill Beard
Trustee.....Charles R. Estep
Sunday School Director.....L. Deck Taylor
Church Training.....James F. Collette
Brotherhood Director.....
Music Director.....Kennith D. Adams

Special Assignments

American Bible Society	-	Winfred Turner
Annuity Board	-	J. C. Beal
Baptist Foundation	-	Alvin L. Hoyle
Children's Homes	-	James Calvin
Christian Action League	-	B. J. Morris
Christian Education	-	Melvin D. Rabb
Christian Literature	-	Hartwell E. Condrey
Homes for the Aging	-	Fred A. Carpenter
Hospital	-	Paul Crotts
South Mountain Camp	-	David Rhodes
Stewardship	-	Billy C. Beaver
Foreign Missions	-	D. Harding Caldwell
Home Missions	-	Donald W. Ferrell
State Missions	-	Nathan L. May

South Mountain Camp Representatives

Robert Anthony
Bob Hawley
Frank Hoyle
Roy Houk
David Rhodes

Scholarship Commission

Three years - Kenneth Wehunt Mike Groce
Chairman - Mrs. Mark Hoyle

ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Guy P. Helms

The Ordination Committee, upon request of the Churches, recommended the following men to be ordained into the Gospel Ministry during the year of 1974-75:

Fellowship.....Jerry White
Calvary.....Jackie McClung
Amity.....Lander Heafner
Macedonia.....Dewey Crouse, Jr.

QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Church	Quota 1974-75	Contributions	Suggested Quota - 1975-76
Amity	860.36	546.00	839.37
Antioch	677.74	800.00	804.88
Bethel	411.32	360.00	483.00
Boger City	1,406.22	1,540.00	1,605.28
Calvary	871.10	466.68	1,005.80
Cedar Grove	281.42	281.42	313.64
Center View	448.69	448.69	547.66
Coral Park	72.77	-	72.77
Craig Memorial	369.17	905.81	493.10
Crouse	209.27	209.27	190.03
David Memorial	354.90	75.00	343.23
Faith	692.18	692.16	771.66
Fellowship	349.48	718.82	560.72
Friendly Chapel	358.02	310.05	350.54
Gainsville	656.18	855.00	740.04
Howard's Creek	60.80	70.00	33.46
Hudson Chapel	213.89	200.00	230.86
Hull's Grove	592.64	600.00	742.00
Lawing's Chapel	604.77	450.00	839.02
Leonard's Fork	198.61	218.47	196.56
Lincoln Avenue	1,008.90	1,008.90	1,441.06
Lincolnton, First	2,861.06	1,200.00	6,588.47
Lincolnton, North	38.31	-	42.00

Lincolnton, West	251.39	-	311.05
Long Shoals	424.90	75.00	359.85
Macedonia	852.83	552.83	943.36
Maiden, East	1,082.59	800.00	1,053.96
Maiden, First	1,792.56	1,760.97	1,935.78
Massapoag	280.42	280.42	286.14
Mathis Chapel	269.54	-	268.00
Mt. Anderson	564.76	500.00	698.81
Mt. Ruhama	1,660.53	1,403.76	1,769.30
Mt. Zion	494.38	410.00	493.50
Mountain View	835.91	835.91	949.74
North Brook	401.19	401.19	369.64
Oak Grove	379.37	383.68	324.98
Olivet	490.44	492.00	539.44
Pearl	733.01	570.00	696.24
Piney Grove	461.93	462.00	452.32
Poole's Chapel	205.79	-	205.79
Reepsville	924.02	924.02	966.88
River View	794.01	854.47	907.25
Roseland	127.42	127.42	127.33
Salem	972.23	973.00	946.40
Sharon	288.53	150.00	387.80
Southside	871.73	860.00	923.60
Temple	130.52	205.60	135.29
Westport	512.75	150.00	658.37
	$29,400.55	25,128.54	35,945.97

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION
Ryan Shelton

Balance on Hand - October 1, 1974		$ 2,150.38
Receipts:		
Church Contribution	50.00	
Interest	140.37	190.37
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1975		$ 2,340.75

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP
David Rhodes

Thanks to God for another year of victories at South Mountain Baptist Camp. As we discussed our theme, led in worship, studied about the needs of a lost world, and God's plan for our lives the Holy Spirit moved with great power.

Including special groups over 4,000 attended this summer. In addition, 1,000 visitors attended at least one of our services. We averaged 236 in 11 camps. 244 attended from our Association.

The Holy Spirit inspired 1,440 campers to make some kind of decision for Christ; 407 of these were professions of faith. We were thrilled to present hundreds of Star and Honor Camper awards.

Our chapel was completed enough that we could use it all summer. It was a great help to us in conducting our programs.

We are grateful to churches and individuals who helped us financially on the chapel. Thanks to many who donated free labor, equipment and material. This saved us thousands of dollars. Several memorial contributions were also made which was a great help.

To date we have spent about $45,000 on the chapel. It will take about $5,000 more to finish it. We plan to finish the chapel, improve sleeping quarters, and other needed improvements. We still owe $8,000 on the chapel.

We need 50 more churches to include the camp in their budget. Some churches are assuming the responsibility of improving and maintaining a cabin.

We need a storage-workshop building (30' x 40').

Our camp is available for church picnics, day camps, and retreats during the fall and early spring.

Our camp is becoming more popular each year. Because of this fact I urge you to make reservations early next year so you will not be left out.

STATE MISSIONS
Dale W. Holden

Southern Baptists' compassion for world missions must also include the real needs of our own counties and state. State and associational missions are indeed part of the world mission imperative. Without neglecting distant lands, we must continue to build a strong state missions program throughout North Carolina.

State missions can be divided into two major categories: (1) <u>strengthening</u> ministries and (2) <u>lengthening</u> ministries.

Strengthening ministries help develop local church organizations such as Sunday School, WMU, Church Training, Brotherhood, etc. These programs enable local churches to realize their own mission potential. Workshops, seminars, and conferences are conducted throughout the year for the development of local church programs.

The second type of state missions are those ministries that lengthen the local church's witness. These are cooperative efforts requiring the resources of more than one church or association. Examples of these

programs are resort missions, deaf ministries, chaplaincy ministries, city and metropolitan missions, church loans and lot aid, seminary extension, migrant missions, etc. Many of these ministries are co-sponsored by district associations and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

All state mission ministries are in some way cooperative efforts of local churches and associations. Church and associational development, in fact, is one of the primary goals of state missions in North Carolina. The purpose is to build strong "mission stations" across the state as a foundation for the overall support of world missions, christian education, and benevolences.

State missions in North Carolina is supported by the Cooperative Program and the annual State Missions Offering in September.

STEWARDSHIP
Joe D. Drum

HOME MISSIONS
Every Christian can tell you what personal prayer means to his spiritual life. To a missionary, whether he is serving in the United States or abroad, prayer has an even larger place. Without prayer support, missionaries believe they could accomplish very little.

Ask home missionaries - especially one far from the security of a Baptist church on every corner - and he will describe the buoying effect and uplifting power he receives from the daily prayers of Southern Baptists.

Baptists materially support home missionaries, too. Cooperative Program dollars support 2,200 full-time home missionaries. Since its creation in 1925 the Cooperative Program has provided more than half of the Home Mission Board budget. During 1975 the Home mission Board will receive $6,950.00 from the Cooperative Program.

With prayer, let's be thankful to God for allowing us such success with our missions, but let's also make a commitment to do even more to forward our witness to America.

FOREIGN MISSIONS
You may know the date you began doing Mission work but only God knows the great accomplishments that will come out of this in the generations to come, according to your Missionary, Mack P. Jones, who is serving in Montevidea, Uruguay.

He said, "In 1911...the First Baptist Church of Montevidea (established by a missionary you paid through your Cooperative work). Sixty years later, Dona Ramona Rubivo, a member of this church, opened her home for services making it possible for her neighbors to hear the message of God's love. In time more than eighty people were reached. Seventeen

have been baptized and others are awaiting baptism. There are now four Sunday School classes meeting in three different homes in the area.

R. Tom Greene, says, "my presence on the scene was made possible by the financial support received through the Cooperative Program. Where does the experience of extending the reign of God through the Cooperative Program begin and end?

"This leads me to the conclusion that when we cooperate with others here in the states through the Cooperative Program, we are doing more than giving money. It means reaching people....this small and growing congregation has not asked nor received any financial aid from you (except my salary). To the contrary, from the beginning this new work has given at least 10% of its income to the sharing of God's love with fellow Uruguayans (through their Cooperative Program)."

Is your church giving more than 10% of its income through the Cooperative Program and giving the suggested amount to associational missions? If so, only eternity can reveal the great work you are accomplishing now and for generations yet unborn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT
Foyd Bennett

This was the year for Sunday School to take the lead in reaching people for Bible Study and to win them to Christ.

We began the year early with a Celebration Sunday in November. This was to be high attendance Sunday for each church. We had all 48 of our churches to report a total attendance of 6,965 present in Sunday School that day.

We had an Adult Sunday School Director Clinic. This was conducted in six different locations in the association. The participation in this wasn't what it should have been.

Once again this was the year for an outstanding program for Vacation Bible School. We had three of our faculty to attend the State V.B.S. Clinic. The associational clinic was very good. Our records reveal thirty churches represented with a total of 209 registered.

Also this year being the 50th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, we asked each church to sign the Declaration of Cooperation. We had 21 churches to report with a total of 1,912 signatures.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mrs. J. E. Helms

Beginning Balance - October 1, 1974	$ 4,336.52

Receipts:	Church Contributions	25,128.54		
	N. C. Withholding Tax	267.90		
	Literacy Workshop	183.02		
	Annuals	670.30		
	Building Fund	2,198.55		
	Sales Tax Refund	85.10		
	Baptist World Alliance Fund	25.00		
	Missions Ministry	450.00		
	Mauney Insurance	125.00	29,133.41	
TOTAL CASH				$33,469.93
Disbursements:				
	Director of Missions Salary		8,600.00	
	Car Allowance		2,000.00	
	Denominational Meeting		600.00	
	Retirement Plan		859.92	
	Hospital Insurance		385.93	
	Life Insurance		415.20	
	Home Utilities		831.56	
	Home Telephone		120.23	
	Home Upkeep and Repair		494.59	
	Office Supplies, Postage		1,334.38	
	Office Rent		385.00	
	Office Utilities		249.33	
	Office Telephone		243.40	
	Office Secretary		2,400.00	
	Christmas Bonuses		225.00	
	Insurance		150.00	
	Clerk		250.00	
	Treasurer		250.00	
	Annual Meeting		198.40	
	Social Security		644.00	
	Annuals		200.00	
	Sunday School		122.50	
	Church Training		74.56	
	W.M.U.		504.15	
	Audio-Visual Aids		86.40	
	Evangelism Committee		55.12	
	Missions Committee		600.00	
	Miscellaneous		204.00	
	Baptist World Alliance Fund		352.40	
	Literacy Workshop		183.02	
	N. C. Dept. of Revenue		267.90	
	Plans for Associational Office		87.50	
	Transfer to Building Fund Savings		500.00	
	Annuals		881.60	
	Transfer to B.W.A. Fund		25.00	
	Building Fund Promotion Brochures		205.40	
	Missions Ministry		450.00	
	Mauney Insurance (Builders Risk)		70.00	
	Gray & Creech, Inc.		3,031.29	28,537.78
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1975				$ 4,932.15

Summary of Cash:	Budget	$ 3,867.12
	Annuals	(203.95)
	Building Fund	1,268.98)
		$ 4,932.15

BUILDING FUND

Balance on Hand - October 1, 1974				(66.67)
Receipts:	Amity	250.00		
	Antioch	486.45		
	Boger City	500.00		
	Calvary	80.00		
	Cedar Grove	64.00		
	Center View	60.00		
	Craig Memorial	340.96		
	Crouse	100.00		
	Faith	97.16		
	Fellowship	43.39		
	Gainsville	31.78		
	Hull's Grove	164.00		
	Lawing's Chapel	284.27		
	Lincoln Avenue	761.34		
	Lincolnton, First	600.00		
	Macedonia	330.00		
	Maiden, East	90.00		
	Maiden, First	275.00		
	Massapoag	37.42		
	Mount Anderson	245.79		
	Mount Ruhama	830.14		
	Mount Zion	960.20		
	Mountain View	1,354.24		
	North Brook	244.00		
	Oak Grove	120.00		
	Olivet	204.52		
	Pearl	300.00		
	Piney Grove	16.50		
	Reepsville	254.87		
	Roseland	13.48		
	Salem	150.00		
	Sharon	85.00		
	Southside	50.00		
	Westport	133.44		
			9,557.95	
Statesville Brick		88.91		
Carolina First National Bank(Int.)		121.47	210.38	9,768.33
				9,701.66

Disbursements:	Bill Pendleton - Plans	87.50	
	Commerical Printing - Brochures	205.40	

	Mauney Insurance - Builders Risk	70.00	362.90
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1975			9,338.76
Summary of Cash:	Checking Account	1,268.98	
	Savings Account	8,069.78	
			$9,338.76

TRUSTEES REPORT
J. M. Sherrill

The association has a SMP to cover all of the associational property:

The coverage is as follows:

Office	$35,000
Contents	8,000
Home	30,000
Contents	6,000
Liability	25,000/50,000
Medical pay	1,000

Assets:	Office	$43,836.59	
	Home	30,000.00	
	Office equipment	6,737.59	
	Cash - checking	4,932.15	
	savings	12,215.94	
TOTAL ASSETS:			97,722.27
Liabilities			38,836.59
Net Resources			$58,885.68

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Mrs. Earl Armstrong

On November 14, 1974 the Baptist Women's Annual Banquet was held at Pearl Baptist Church with a record breaking attendance of 302. The women were served a catered meal and Mrs. Carl Bates of Charlotte, N.C., was the guest speaker.

March 7, 1975 was a very special occasion for BYW's who attended an Annual Banquet at Maiden, First Church. There were 80 reservations honored and 72 were represented. John Crow was our honored guest, who is from Raleigh.

April 1, 1975 marked the date for our Sixty-Sixth Annual Meeting of South Fork WMU at Lincolnton, First Church. Twenty-one churches were represented with 75 persons in attendance.

As WMU Director, I had the privilege of representing our association by

attending the WMU Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, June 8-9.

Several of the age-level directors represented our WMU also at Ridgecrest Assembly during conference week there during August 9-15.

Other outstanding and inspirational activities were sponsored by the association with support throughout various churches during the year 1974-75 with Acteens, Girls in Action, and Mission Friends participating in Foreign and Home Mission Studies, a cook-out, prayer retreat, a singspiration, a day camp, etc. As a result, there have been excellent attendance records at all meetings with an ever-increasing growth in interests and service toward WMU.

Thank you SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION for honoring us with your presence during 1974-75.

We look forward to serving you again as we prepare for our new calendar year 1975-76. We've only just begun to realize "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." (2 Cor. 3:17)

WMU Officers for 1975-76 are:

Mrs. Earl Armstrong, WMU Director
Mrs. Richard Williams, Assistant Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Jim Warlick, BYW Director
Mrs. Ken Clark, Assistant BYW Director
Mrs. Charles Schronce, Acteens Director
Mrs. Neal Alexander, Assistant Acteens Director
Mrs. Clyde Walker, G.A. Director
Mrs. Betty Gilleland, Mission Friends Director
Mrs. Joe Yarborough, Assistand M. F. Director
Mrs. Fred Harrill, Secretary

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1974*	1975**	Gain or Loss
Total Baptisms	485	518	33
Additions by letter, etc.	453	424	(29)
Total Membership	12,767	12,986	219
S. S. Enrolment	9,555	9,249	(306)
V.B.S. Enrolment	4,285	4,350	65
C. T. Enrolment	2,639	2,541	(98)
W.M.U. Enrolment	2,263	2,382	119
Brotherhood Enrolment	1,281	1,389	108
Music Ministry Enrolment	2,215	2,045	(170)
Total Receipts	$2,044,135	2,044,135	($119,718)
Cooperative Program Gifts	162,541	170,573	8,032
Total Mission Gifts	301,283	324,158	22,875

*1974 is based on 46 of 48 churches.

**1975 is based on 44 of 49 churches.

PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

AMITY
Mr. George Helton

ANTIOCH
Mr. Ronald Steve Laney

BETHEL
Miss Brenda Schrum
Mr. C. C. Wease

BOGER CITY
Mr. Lloyd Blalock
Mr. Walter P. Sutton
Deacon V. Dewey Chapman
Mrs. Marie Long Costner
Mrs. Laura K. McAlister
Mrs. Annie Mae Bumgarner - Charter Member

CALVARY
Mrs. Florence Haynes
Mr. Alton Bentley
Mr. William Vincient
Mr. Fred Hawkins, Sr.
Mr. Effie Hooper

CENTER VIEW
Mr. Blaine Harris
Mrs. Betty Sue Hoyle
Mrs. Tull Burke
Mrs. Wade Painter

FELLOWSHIP
Mrs. W. R. Honeycutt
Mr. Reuben Meeks
Mr. Ward Godwin

FRIENDLY CHAPEL
Mrs. Mae Ballard

GAINSVILLE
Deacon Henry Alexander
Miss Gladys Connor
Mr. Willey Emmett Smith, Jr.

HUDSON CHAPEL
Deacon W. R. Hudspeth
Mrs. S. A. Leatherman
Mrs. John Huffman
Mrs. Minnie Moose

HULL'S GROVE
Mr. David C. Hull
Mrs. Clayton Willis

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Mr. Clarence Abernathy
Mrs. Walter Sherrill

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mr. Lannie Alexander

LONG SHOALS
Mr. Jim Queen
Mrs. Bert Lynn

MACEDONIA
Mr. Donald E. Brown

MAIDEN, EAST
Mrs. Connie Fortenbery
Mrs. Lillie Whisnant
Mr. Clyde Schronce
Mrs. Stamey Campbell
Mrs. Ada Abernathy

MATHIS CHAPEL
Mr. Robert (Bob) Wilkenson
Mr. W. B. Lynch
Mr. George Taylor, Jr.

MOUNT ANDERSON
Mrs. Robert Hawk

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mrs. Ben H. Williams
Mrs. W. Bartley Caldwell
Deacon Ernest Glenn Abernethy
Mrs. Sallie Lowrance
Mrs. Worth S. Moore

MOUNT ZION
Mrs. Millie F. Bundy

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mrs. Eppsie Clark Cline
Mr. James Powell Helton
Mrs. Alda Hicks Overcash
Mrs. Marie Thompson Killian

HUNSON CHAPEL

Deacon W. R. Hunsucker
Mrs. S. A. Leatherman
Mrs. Alan Bowman
Mrs. Minnie Moore

CHATHAM VIEW

Mr. Charles Wilkerson
Mr. Fred Hartley, Jr.
Mrs. Billie Gilpin
Mr. William Vanclief
Mrs. Betty Jane Hoyle
Mrs. Vada Burch
Mrs. Wade Bullard

MARTHIS CHAPEL

Mr. Robert (Bob) Wilkerson
Mrs. W. E. Lyons
Mrs. Ortega Tucker

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mrs. Bypsie Clark Gilmore
Mrs. Elva Cross Overcash
Mrs. Merle Thompson Phillips

NORTH BROOK
Mr. Jack Bolick

OAK GROVE
Mr. Carlos Reynolds
Mrs. Carlos Reynolds

OLIVET
Mrs. James Harwell, Sr.
Mrs. Bob (Effie) Eades
Miss Hazel Eades
Mr. L. A. Hilderbrandt

REEPSVILLE
Deacon Burton Ingle
Mr. Arnold Jordon

RIVER VIEW
Mr. Prince Lee Mauney
Deacon Bertie L. Rhyne
Mr. Boyce M. Reynolds
Mr. A. M. Harless

ROSELAND
Mr. Columbus Smith

SALEM
Mr. Jim Cloninger
Mr. Claude Hovis, Sr.
Mrs. L. D. Lineberger
Mr. L. D. Lineberger

SHARON
Mrs. Addie Buff

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. Mattie Self
Deacon Joe Hawkins

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

THEME: "LET THE CHURCH STAND UP"

Program

Tuesday, October 19, 1976
SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Lincolnton, N.C.

3:30	Registration	
4:00	Worship	D. Harding Caldwell
4:15	Organization and Order of Business	
	Welcome	
	Recognition of Visitors	
	Introduction of New Workers	Melvin D. Rabb
4:25	Reports and Miscellaneous Business	
	Treasurer	Mrs. J. E. Helms
	Finance Committee	Bob Hawley
	Executive Committee	Charles H. Ingle
	Committee on Committees	James F. Collette
	Missions Committee	Charles N. Cranford
	Nominating Committee	Robert A. Cantwell
	Program Committee	Mrs. Earl F. Armstrong
	Centennial Committee	Joe Bondurant
4:55	Hymn	
5:00	Scripture and Prayer	J. C. Beal
	Message in Music	Milton H. Sigmon
	Annual Sermon	Alvin L. Hoyle
5:45	Benediction	Paul Crotts

Supper

7:00	Worship	D. Harding Caldwell
7:15	Baptist Foundation	Edwin S. Coates
7:25	Message in Music	Dr. Maurice L. Canaday
7:30	"Bold Believers in Giving ... Through a Christian Lifestyle"	William C. Lamb
8:00	Hymn	
8:05	Message in Music	Dr. Maurice L. Canaday
8:10	"Let the Church Stand Up"	Dr. Forrest C. Feezor
8:45	Benediction	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.

Wednesday, October 20, 1976
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Lincolnton, N.C.

9:30	Worship	D. Harding Caldwell
9:45	Annuity Board	Sam H. O'Neal
9:55	South Mountain Camp	T. A. Lineberger
10:05	Homes for the Aging	Ralph Cannon
10:35	Christian Literature	J. Marse Grant
10:45	Hymn	
10:50	Director of Missions' Address	James B. McQuere
11:15	Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business	
11:25	Memorial Service	Paul K. Drum
11:35	Hymn	
11:40	Message in Music	Mrs. Kennith D. Adams & Mrs. Ronald F. Finger
11:45	Christian Higher Education	Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker
12:15	Benediction	Harold King

Lunch

OFFICERS

Moderator	Elliott Loftin
Vice-Moderator	Charles H. Ingle
Clerk	Mrs. J. E. Helms
Music Director	Kennith D. Adams
Parliamentarian	Charles H. Ingle
Director of Missions	James B. McQuere

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
Winfred M. Turner

For the American Bible Society, 1975 was a year of outstanding developments, but inflation continues to hamper progress. United Bible Societies projects in many countries have had to be postponed.

The Executive Committee of the United Bible Societies pledged $11.2 million for the support of its worldwide program in 1976, but more funds are needed for the continuation of the Societies' vital work. The ABS, therefore, must ask for increased support from the churches.

Contributions from churches in 1975 increased 9.4 per cent over last year to a total of $1,453,920. For this the American Bible Society is very grateful. Nearly 16.5 per cent of the total contributions is represented by the support of the Southern Baptist Convention, a slight decrease from the previous year, as shown below:

1970	$233,185	1973	$253,857
1971	240,249	1974	254,802
1972	233,752	1975	238,554

The Southern Baptist Convention can help the Bible cause by raising its level of support to $.03 per member per year. This increase of just $.01 over the present level would provide $350,000 helping the Society significantly in pursuing today's expanded opportunities for sharing the Word, and fostering growth in ABS programs, particularly in the Good News for New Readers program.

We ask for your continued prayers, that the Bible Society, in partnership with the Southern Baptist Convention and other willing Christians, may perform even more effectively its task of bringing the Word of God to those who ask for it and need it.

ANNUITY BOARD
J. C. Beal

Southern Baptist churches depend on the Annuity Board to provide retirement and insurance protection to pastors and others in church-related vocations.

The Board holds in trust retirement contributions from nearly 40,000 persons. Their contributions will be converted into annuity benefits when they retire.

These contributions, taken together, are considered as funds held in trust by the Annuity Board. They now amount to $401,135,261. While this appears to be a great deal of money, this must be divided among the 40,000 future annuitants and serve their lifetime, post-retirement needs.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the Board, described 1975 as "an excellent year of recovery, growth, and optimism" for the agency. Income from the investment of funds held in trust attained a one-year record of $23,149,064.

Benefits paid to retirees, widows, and the disabled in 1975 amounted to $15,734,003. During the Annuity Board's 58 years of existence, it has paid more then $141 million in retirement and protection benefits.

A 13th Check issued in December, 1975 provided 8,221 annuitants with an extra month's income to help them combat the rapidly rising cost of living. The combined amount of this extra benefit came to $733,585. It is called the 13th Check because it is over and above the 12 regular monthly payments.

The Annuity Board helps churches and SBC agencies get the best coverage at the most advantageous rates in life, health, and disability insurance.

Additional information about the Annuity Board may be obtained through the Development Office, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, TX 75201.

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS, 1976

Retirement Plans:	Total Members	Insurance	
Plan A (Churches-agencies)	27,542	Health Insurance	15,929
Plan B (" ")	20,580	Group Life (Churches)	8,657
Plan C (" ")	5,829	Group Life (agencies)	10,981
Total Benefits Paid (Retirement)	$15,734,003	*Life Benefit Plan	3,373
Relief Benefits	$254,204		
Relief Recipients	420		

*Closed to new members

In North Carolina 2667 staff members of 2140 churches and associations are participating in the Southern Baptist Retirement Program - 2421 in the Family Benefit Section (Plan A), 1069 in the Age Security Section (Plan B), and 240 in the Variable Benefit Section (Plan C).

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
Elliott Loftin

1. We voted to remove the name of Beth Haven (Poole's Chapel) Church from the roll of the association.

2. We authorized the purchase of 12' of land adjoining the west line of the property in Maiden at a cost of $650.

3. We authorized the completion of the ground floor of the associational building as the funds become available.

4. We adopted a resolution in honor of Coy Hillard Dellinger.

5. We voted to discontinue the suggested quota as a means of financial support and requested each church to give a minimum of 3% of their offering plate dollar to underwrite the associational budget.

6. We voted to purchase tapes of the State Evangelism Conference on a yearly basis.

7. We adopted the Proposed Budget for 1976-77.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Alvin L. Hoyle

During the 1975-76 fiscal year, the North Carolina Baptist Foundation has continued to be used as a channel for Baptists of our state to provide a tangible support for missions in a perpetual way for the years to come. Through a will of a person who had received financial assistance years ago from our Baptist Hospital, a $29,950 trust was established with the Baptist Foundation to provide income for the hospital's needy patients. The income of the investment for one year will repay what the hospital provided in financial assistance to this person.

The children of one family, upon the settlement of the estate of their father, placed all the residence of the estate with the Foundation to establish a trust in memory of their parents for Foreign Mission support. Their mother and dad had long been interested in this area of our Christian ministry.

A widow tithed the estate of her recently deceased husband to provide an educational scholarship for a student in Christian education in one of our Baptist Colleges. Another husband and wife began a trust "To the Glory of God and in honor of our Pastor." This was but the beginning of a Book of Honor for North Carolina Pastors and Missionaries with income to go toward all mission efforts of our denomination through the Cooperative Program. The value of the principal has increased sixty times already since the first gift and several pastors and missionaries have been remembered in this expression of love.

A widow has established a living trust turning over all of her property and financial assets for the remainder of her life, reserving the right to income, and upon her death it will then be divided among several institutions and mission causes, one of which will be mission ministeries in the local association.

New additions during the 1975-1976 year to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation assets held for our institutions and missions totaled $210,147.17. This amount

combined with the market value of real estate (including the Yanceyville unit of the N. C. Baptist Homes, Inc.), annuity trusts, and the Foundation Common Trust Fund brings the total market value of assets, as of June 30, 1976 to $2,946,044.49.

The income from Foundation trust funds paid to beneficiaries during 1975-1976 was $157,069.28. In previous years the Foundation had paid to beneficiaries $1,018,414.76. The total paid through June 30, 1976 now has reached $1,175,484.04.

Wills still account for a major portion of the assets of the Foundation, but presently the annuity trust accounts comprise $480,270.73 of the total value of the Foundation assets.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
Joe Bondurant

On Friday morning, November 22, 1878, at eleven o'clock, Elder G. J. Willkie preached the introductory sermon from Titus 2:11-14 The initial session of the South Fork Baptist Association was held at Kids' Chapel Church, Lincoln County, N.C. W. A. Graham was elected as the first moderator and served on four different occasions for a total of 36 years. He has served in this capacity longer than anyone else. J. H. Booth was elected to serve as the clerk.

Two days were spent in the transaction of business. A constitution and rules of order were adopted. Brethren from South Yadkin, York (S.C.), Brushy Mountain and Catawba River associations were welcomed. Messengers to sister associations were welcomed. Messengers to sister associations were appointed. Necessary committees were named.

The two subjects of major concern were associational missions and pastoral support. It appears from the records that much time was spent in the discussion of these subjects.

On Sunday one hour was spent in Sunday School. Elder Thomasson preached at the eleven o'clock service from Isaiah 53:11. There was another service at one-thirty when Dr. Whitfield preached from I Corinthians 12:21.

Ten churches were represented at the organizational meeting: Bruington, Hickory Grove, Kids' Chapel, Lowesville, Macedonia, Mt. Ruhama, Mt. Zion, Mull's Chapel, Providence, and Salem. Only four of these remain active and in our association - Macedonia, Mt. Ruhama, Mt. Zion and Salem. Two (Hickory Grove and Bruington, now First Church Stanley) are affiliated with the Gaston Association. The remainder are non-existent. These ten churches consisted of a total membership of 709. Much has taken place in the ensuing years. Two associations (Gaston and Theron Rankin) have come out of South Fork. Our association today consists of 48 churches with a total membership at the last counting of 13,392.

As we approach the Centennial Year we propose that we endeavor to make it one of thanksgiving and praise to our Heavenly Father for all his bountiful blessing, and that we dedicate ourselves anew to the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ.

Therefore We Recommend:

1. That our major emphasis in the Centennial Year shall be to share the Gospel with every person within the geographical bounds of our association through proclamation, personnal witnessing and the printed Word.

   That we ask every church to set aside six nights, beginning October 29, 1978, for an evangelistic witness and that each evening the Gospel be proclaimed.

   That for two weeks prior to the evangelistic witness we ask each church to distribute to every home in their community a portion of the Word of God.

   That the responsibility for this effort be assigned to the Evangelism Committee and that they be instructed to appoint any committee they deem necessary to complete this project.

2. That we publish a Pictorial History of the churches of our association and make copies available to all who would desire to purchase.

   That the cost be a break-even basis.

   That a Historical Committee have the responsibility for this project under the direction of the Centennial Committee.

3. That we seek to erect a marker on November 22, 1978 at 11:00 a.m. at the original place where the organizational meeting was held.

   That this be under the direction of the Centennial Committee.

4. That a plaque bearing the names of each moderator for the first 100 years be placed in the associational office with an appropriate ceremony.

   That this be under the direction of the Centennial Committee.

5. That two nights of celebration (November 23-24, 1978, the original dates) be held.

   That the first evening we honor all the pastors who have served the churches of our association and invite all who are still living, along with their wives, to be our guests.

   That the second evening we honor every man who has been ordained by any of our churches and invite those who are still living, along with their wives, to be our guests.

   That the Centennial Committee be responsible for the Celebration Services.

6. That a Publicity Committee be appointed to inform the media of the Centennial Year and its activities, and that they seek to inform the public with as wide a coverage as possible.

CHILDREN'S HOMES
James Calvin

As our nation enters its third century, we are reminded that its future is in its children. We have no greater national need than strength of character and wholeness of persons in our citizens. Yet, too many children, through family tragedy or breakdown or weakness, are deprived of the growing experiences so essential to wholeness of life.

The purpose of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is to help make up this loss through a Christian ministry of quality child care. Emergency Care is offered the child who needs immediate short-term care to provide time for a more permanent plan. Group Care is offered the child who needs the multiple relationships which a group of his peers and a staff of Christian professionals can provide.

Foster care is offered the preschooler and the older child who needs the closer relationships of a family setting. Maternity Care is offered the unwed mother and her child. Preschool care and education are offered a select group of younger children. Consultation in child development and family life education is offered to churches concerned for families and children in their communities. Varied planning and counselling services are offered to families in stress.

In each of these services, the focus is on the whole family; the motivation is Christian love; the aim is wholeness and health for the persons served.

To make these varied services available to families and children, a statewide network of facilities and programs has emerged. Indian Beach, Kinston, Pembroke, Fayetteville, Raleigh, Burlington, Wallburg, Thomasville, Charlotte, Forest City, Asheville, Waynesville --- each site is a base of operations from which families in need can secure assistance. Furthermore, the staff is prepared to call on the additional resources of religious, educational, medical, psychological, recreational, and social service personnel in the communities to help persons grow to their full potential.

No greater investment can be made in the future of God's Kingdom or in the future of America than to invest in children. Your support of missions through the Cooperative Program is the lifeline of the Baptist Children's Homes. Your special gift at Thanksgiving further guarantees the continuance of Christian child care. The staff and children of the Baptist Children's Homes pledge ourselves to make the most of the opportunity your investment provides.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
B. J. Morris

This past year the North Carolina Christian Action League has been involved with the problem of hard core pornography, massage parlors and beer and wine sales. An anti-obscenity and pornography ordinance has been drafted by our attorney, Mr. Allen Bailey, in cooperation with lawyers from Citizens For Decency Through Law. This ordinance covers hard core pornography as it has been defined by the

Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has also ruled that such matters are not covered by the First Amendment guarantees. The ordinance has been adopted in several North Carolina Cities and Counties and is under serious consideration in other places in the State. Since this ordinance covers only a City, Town, or County where it is adopted, we are seeking the passage of a state-wide ordinance that would regulate the material that comes under the purview of the Supreme Court ruling. We recommend that you contact the candidates for the General Assembly in your District and ask for their support for a stronger obscenity regulating statute. It is essential that all candidates make their position clear on issues affecting public morality. Christian men and women are running for office. We must let them know that the people of North Carolina want something better. Our legislators can give us a better law. They must do it. They will respond to our efforts. Let's let them know.

We regret to report that in spite of strong opposition by state and local Christian Action League leaders, Miller Brewing Company has purchased 1,600 acres and is in the process of building a $130,000,000.00 brewery in Eden, N.C. The company has promised to put the name "Eden" on every can and bottle produced at the plant. Just think of "beer of Eden." In line with this increased production, efforts are being made to open up more outlets for retail sales in the state which will increase the number of permits from the present 29,899. Is this an example of the need for more united action against the evils of alcohol?

We are grateful for the victories that have been won. Some failures are acknowledged because people have been deceived by the so-called fantastic profits from the sale of beverage alcohol and have voted for legalizing it.

The Christian Action League is your voice on the state-wide level. We speak for you as we seek to deliver God's message of condemnation on the beverage alcohol industry. We are grateful for your support and we need your continuing support. The work of the League can be put on a firm foundation by budget support from the churches across the state. You are urged to support the League in this way and with your prayers for God's guidance in the work we seek to do. It is God's work that we are doing. We work for Him as we speak for you.

Again we thank you for your cooperation and support and prayers.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Melvin D. Rabb

One of the primary reasons for organizing the Baptist State Convention was to provide the means for establishing a Baptist College. The Convention was formed in 1830 and in 1834 the Wake Forest Institute was founded. Five years later the Institute became Wake Forest College. Thus, for 142 years North Carolina Baptists have been closely identified with Christian higher education.

Through the years our interest in Christian higher education has caused North Carolina Baptists to bring six other colleges into one higher education system. These are: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith and Wingate.

Since 1944, these seven schools have been guided in their development by the council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention. The Council is the only organization of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention, and is one of the oldest educational cooperatives in America.

In the beginning the churches formed the Convention to establish a school for higher education. This relationship must always exist! Churches and colleges must give constant attention to their partnership and their mutual dependence.

Listed below are some of the ways we express our partnership:

1. North Carolina Baptists continue to support their colleges through the Cooperative Program and the Baptist College Day offering on Father's Day.

2. The colleges continue to provide training for most of the pastors and other church staff persons who lead North Carolina Baptist Churches.

3. Pastors have helped the colleges in their efforts to recruit Baptist young people by furnishing the names of high school students for contact by the colleges.

4. The colleges pledge to North Carolina Baptist youth that financial aid is available to assist them in attending a Baptist College. No qualified student is turned away for financial reasons. Grants, loans, and work scholarships are available.

5. Churches, pastors' conferences and associations invite the colleges to send students and faculty to speak and lead programs.

6. Baptist Colleges are anxious to receive invitations to serve the churches and associations. Each of the colleges is prepared to send speakers upon request.

The various Baptist State Conventions now support 53 colleges. The enrollment of the seven North Carolina Baptist Colleges comprises about 15% of the total enrollment of these 53 schools. The Southern Baptist Convention does not own any colleges but places strong emphasis upon Christian higher education through the S.B.C. Education Commission.

Our Baptist Colleges are committed to the guidance of Christian values in the search for truth. Baptist Colleges, knowing that God is the source of all knowledge and wisdom, can encourage students to search for truth in all areas of knowledge without fear.

The Baptist Colleges express their gratitude to Baptists of North Carolina for their support.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Hartwell E. Condrey

The Old Testament prophet Hosea declared, "My people are destroyed for lack of

knowledge." Because of a great information void concerning truth, Jeremiah also cried out, "Publish and conceal not."

Just as in Old Testament days, communication still remains one of the most sensitive problems in our churches. Think for a moment -- how many problems has your church had that could be traced to a lack of communication? Too many church members are misled because they are uninformed, poorly informed, or misinformed. Churches must take initiative to provide accurate information if work in the local church, association, and convention continue to show progress.

Each year more churches understand the importance of providing the RECORDER for each family. When this is done, members become more responsive because they are better informed. Baptists have made encouraging progress in recent years through bold mission enterprises and this can be traced to better-informed church members. Stewardship gains also go hand in hand with better communications. As an example, 79 of the 80 churches which led their associations in per capita mission gifts last year have a RECORDER club.

Each church needs to look at its budget carefully and then make provision to send the RECORDER to each family. Although nearly 1,100 churches in the state have the RECORDER in the budget, at least 500 more churches should take this step. Such action could be the difference between mediocrity and greatness in your church.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, urges all Baptists to "stay with the state paper. Increase its circulation. Send it to the homes of all people. The reward will be great."

Louie D. Newton of Georgia who has done more than any other person to interpret the value to Baptist state papers, said: "The investment any church can make in furthering the Kingdom of God is to put the Baptist state paper in the homes of the membership. These papers are the packhorses of every phase of denominational life.

If the "packhorse," meaning the RECORDER, is not going to every family in your church, may this be the year that you take this step.

CHURCH TRAINING
James F. Collette

"M" Night was held at the First Baptist Church in Lincolnton on Monday, November 24, 1975. James F. Collette presided over the meeting. Paul D. Robins, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Cherryville, rendered a message in music. The guest speaker was Dr. John W. Tresch, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cherryville. He spoke on the subject of "The Church of Tomorrow."

Is your church the "Sunday Night Place to be?" Train your people in Church Training!

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
James F. Collette

Executive Committee		
Three years	James F. Collette	J. E. Helms
Chairman	Melvin D. Rabb	
Finance Committee		
Three years	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.	Emmett Turbyfill
Chairman	Bob Hawley	
Missions Committee		
Three years	Robert A. Cantwell	J. M. Sherrill
Chairman	Alvin L. Hoyle	
Nominating Committee		
Three years	Harold King	Kenneth Wehunt
Chairman	D. Harding Caldwell	
Program Committee		
One year	Paul Crotts	
Three years	Foyd Bennett	Mrs. W. E. Stroupe
Chairman	Mrs. Earl F. Armstrong	
Evangelism Committee		
Three years	Charles Moseley	
Chairman	John P. Smith	
Ordination Committee		
One year	Hartwell E. Condrey	
Three years	Billy C. Hoffman	James Calvin
Chairman	Fred A. Carpenter	
Resolutions Committee		
Three years	Blair Wilkinson	
Chairman	J. C. Beal	
Stewardship Committee		
Two years	Herbert N. Roach	
Three years	Tommy Huskins	
Chairman	J. W. Crouse	
Christian Life Committee		
Two years	Harry Arthur	
Three years	G. C. Wray	
Chairman	Loyd J. Spencer	

EVANGELISM
Foyd Bennett

The South Fork Baptist Association sponsored an associational Evangelism

Clinic. This was a one night emphasis on evangelism. The meeting was held at Calvary Baptist Church. Our guest minister was Dr. Dewey Kerr, Glenn View Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. We had special music by Maiden, First Baptist Youth Choir. This was a great experience and spiritual uplift for all who attended.

The State evangelistic conference in Asheville was attended by many of our pastors. This was one of the most rewarding and inspiring conferences we have ever had. It is time for each one to be making plans to attend the next evangelism conference. It will be February 7-9, 1977, at War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, N.C.

Let's pray that God would stir our hearts and impower us to "do the work of an evangelist." II Timothy 4:5b.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Charles H. Ingle

The Executive Committee met each month when a quorum was present. The financial reports and activities of the Director of Missions were reviewed at each meeting.

Applications for Christian Vocational Students at Gardner-Webb College were approved for the following student: Tim Cooke.

We voted to exclude the Beth Haven Church from our fellowship.

We authorized the writing of a letter to the Coral Park Church informing them that they are not in compliance with Article XII of the Constitution.

We approved a policy of printing to be followed by the association in regards to the use of our printing equipment.

Due to the homegoing of Coy H. Dellinger, our beloved moderator and fellow worker in our Lord's Kingdom, we approved a memorial statement as a tribute to him and his faithful and cooperative Christian service in our midst.

We voted to endorse the Charles Massagee Crusade.

We authorized the associational clerk to attend a clerk's conference at Ridgecrest August 2-3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Bob Hawley

ITEM	BUDGET 1975-76	BUDGET 1976-77
Director of Missions Salary	9,120.00	10,000.00
Car Allowance	2,500.00	2,700.00

Denominational Meetings	600.00	600.00
Retirement Plan	912.00	1,000.00
Hospital Insurance	867.00	745.00
Life Insurance	416.00	531.00
Home Utilities	900.00	1,100.00
Home Telephone	122.00	112.00
Home Upkeep & Repair	300.00	800.00
Office Supplies, Postage	1,400.00	1,400.00
Office Utilities	800.00	750.00
Office Telephone	350.00	350.00
Office Secretary	2,500.00	2,750.00
Janitor and Supplies		600.00
Christmas Bonuses	225.00	300.00
Insurance	450.00	346.00
Clerk	275.00	300.00
Treasurer	275.00	300.00
Annual Meeting	200.00	100.00
Social Security	681.00	746.00
Annuals	400.00	200.00
Loan Repayments		6,016.00
Sunday School	100.00	100.00
Church Training	100.00	100.00
W.M.U.	500.00	500.00
Brotherhood	100.00	100.00
Music	50.00	50.00
Audio-Visual Aids	100.00	100.00
Evangelism	100.00	100.00
Missions Committee	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00
TOTALS	$25,243.00	33,696.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS
D. Harding Caldwell

Bold new thrusts in missions between 1976 and 2000 have been set forth. Ten have been selected to be highlighted as follows:

1. Great over-arching objective: To preach the gospel to all the people in the world;

2. 100 percent increase in missionary staff - more than 5,000 by the year 2000;

3. Missionaries at work in at least 125 countries as God may lead;

4. Accelerated tempo of volunteer lay involvement overseas - up to 3,000 per year needed now, and up to 10,000 per year by the year 2000;

5. Greatly expanded efforts in evangelism - major thrusts in urban areas and

among students and other young people;

6. Tenfold multiplication of overseas churches - with concomitant increases in baptisms and church membership;

7. Extraordinary efforts in leadership training - through strengthened seminaries, theological education by extension, and lay leadership training;

8. Vastly increased use of radio, television, and publications on mission fields, and penetration via mass media of areas not presently open to missionary activities;

9. Accentuated attention to human need - through health care, disease prevention, benevolent and social ministries;

10. Vigorous, appropriate, and prompt responses to world hunger and disasters.

In order to achieve these bold new thrusts in missions, the Foreign Mission Board looks to God and the people in the churches. The Foreign Mission Board can make plans, but only God and Southern Baptists can say whether or not they can be implemented and carried to realization.

HISTORY
Mrs. Harmon James

AMITY - Ordained Lander Heafner.
FAITH - Licensed Larry Helton. Licensed and ordained Jack Calloway.
LAWING'S CHAPEL - Entered new sanctuary June 27, 1976. Converted old sanctuary into educational space and fellowship hall.
LONG SHOALS - Celebrated 75th Anniversary.
MACEDONIA - Completion of a new sanctuary and educational building. Dedication Services September 26, 1976.
MATHIS CHAPEL - Celebrated 25th Anniversary March 7, 1976.
MOUNT ANDERSON - Purchased new piano and air-conditioned educational building.
MOUNT RUHAMA - Paved parking area. Installed carpet in sanctuary and old educational building.
MOUNTAIN VIEW - Ordained Ronald E. Lynch.
NEW HOPE - Plans drawn for new church.
NORTH BROOK - VOTED to purchase a piano in memory of Coy H. Dellinger. Remodeled interior of parsonage.
REEPSVILLE - Called as pastor Harold R. King May 23, 1976.
RIVER VIEW - Called Gary Ballard as music director.
SALEM - Entered new sanctuary September 12, 1976.
SOUTHSIDE - Called as pastor James F. Collette June 14, 1976.

HOME MISSIONS
Donald W. Ferrell

Despite continuing national problems in the economy and in public trust, in morality and in values, this has been one of the most encouraging years of the

past decade and a half. Our people have provided financial support in larger amounts than ever before--when we could have found ready explanations for a decline if that had occurred. There are signs of spiritual renewal in churches, associations, and state conventions across the nation. A hunger for meaning, for character, for God continues, and may even be accelerating among large segments of our population.

The 1973-74 Convention year was another fruitful year in evangelism. For the fourth straight year the total number of baptisms exceeded 400,000. The Board's evangelism staff works closely with state convention evangelism leaders and with program leaders of other Southern Baptist Convention agencies in seeking to provide a spiritual climate and spiritual motivation for faithful sharing of our Christian faith, magnifying both personal and mass evangelism. We are encouraged by the browing involvement of lay persons, including youth, in serious witnessing.

The Board continued its long-range planning by updating its previous plans and extending them through the remainder of the present decade. This was done by adoption of a set of broad goals titled "Direction '79." The agency will use the year 1976 as a time of preparation for the denomination's "Bold Mission" emphasis of 1977-1979. Spotlighting evangelism and new congregations, the Board has approved these objectives for the "Bold Mission" thrust:

> Let every person in our land have an opportunity to hear and accept the gospel of Jesus Christ!
>
> Let every person in our land have an opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers!

Most of the state conventions are planning for major advances in reaching countries without an effective evangelistic witness, correlation of mission resources in key cities among groups such as ethnics, apartment dwellers and various subculture groups in our nation, and in transitional communities with churches in crisis. There are more than 600 counties in the United States that do not have a Southern Baptist congregation. Many do not have an adequate evangelical witness from any source.

HOMES FOR THE AGING
Fred A. Carpenter

Your North Carolina Baptist Homes have, in the past year, completed 25 years of growth and development. These have been good years, filled with the abundant blessings and goodness of the Lord. He has brought us from one Home, in March of 1951, to five Homes and an excellent Nursing Facility, from one resident to 230 residents and patients. Hundreds have been ministered to during these years, many lives have been blessed, and families have been helped immeasurably.

The past year has been of special excitement and enthusiasm as we entered

into the Fund-Raising Effort to raise $1,000,000 for the construction of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville. In September, 1975, Brother Ralph Cannon, Beloved pastor, and Trustee of the Homes, was called by Trustees to serve as Director of Development and Denominational Relations and has been leading the fund raising program for the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in a remarkable way. He reports that the response from our Baptist pastors and people in Western North Carolina has been most encouraging, and that there is every indication that we will reach the goal. We are grateful not only to those in Western North Carolina, but throughout the State, for the happy and successful response that we have experienced thus far as we move toward making this additional Home available for our older people in one of the most beautiful spots in the world.

When completed, the Western North Carolina Home, in Asheville, will accomodate 50 people, and will bring the total capacity of our Baptist Homes and the Nursing Care Unit to 280. We now operate five other Homes, and a Nursing Care Unit--Resthaven, the Hayes Home, the Nursing Care Unit, in Winston-Salem; the Albemarle Home, in Albemarle; the Hamilton Home, in Hamilton, N.C., the Yanceyville Home, in Yanceyville.

The love gifts of North Carolina Baptists make this Christian care and concern possible through two very vital sources--The Cooperative Program, and the Special Offering for the Homes, received on the third Sunday of February each year. Through these sources more than 35% of the Homes' total income is provided, and the majority of the residents who cannot pay the full cost of care are supplemented. We are grateful for these life-sustaining gifts and thank every North Carolina Baptist who makes them possible!

Close at hand is another venture in the development of the Homes which we're excited--the building of apartments on the site of the Hayes Home property in Winston-Salem. The first of these units is to be completed by the fall of 1977. Those interested in this phase of the ministry of Baptist Homes may contact Bill Poole, the Executive Director, of the Homes for information.

Great things are in store for us in our Homes for the Aging as we look to the future, and we covet the earnest prayer and the continual support of every North Carolina Baptist.

HOSPITAL
Paul Crotts

"Christian stewardship" is a phrase frequently heard in staff meetings at Baptist Hospital. The hospital's leadership holds to a philosophy of administration based on stewardship and tries to pass this on to all employees. A continueing effort is made to help each employee, whatever his particular job, to realize that he is part of a team involved in a Christian ministry of healing. The difference this makes in the whole atmosphere of the hospital is evident to patients and visitors.

This sense of stewardship demands a continual updating and upgrading of medical procedures to assure patients the highest quality care. One of the most significant recent developments is the creation of a department of Family Medicine. This department provides primary health care for a limited number of families, that is, the kind of all-round, ongoing health care normally provided by a family physician. At the same time the department offers training in family medicine for physicians who will enter this field of practice. This will help to balance the trend of recent years toward increased specialization in the practice of medicine.

Many of the physicians training in family medicine are receiving part of their clinical experience in small towns and rural communities under the auspices of the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), created by the State legislature. It is believed and hoped that some of them will choose to remain in these areas for their permanent practice.

Improvement of physical facilities is another expression of the hospital's sense of stewardship. In recent months renovation of the west and south wings of the hospital has been completed; construction has been completed on an addition to the water-chilling facilities; construction has begun on a 4-level parking deck in front of Reynolds Tower which will provide approximately 800 parking spaces for visitors; and construction has begun on a new building to house the new department of Family Medicine.

The Pastoral Care Department continues to make its contributions toward the fulfillment of our stewardship. A chaplain is assigned to each area of the hospital and is responsible for providing a pastoral ministry to patients, staff and visitors in that area. There are capacity enrollments in all phases of the Clinical Pastoral Education programs. A third satellite has opened in Morganton during the past year.

Mother's Day gifts for the fiscal year ending June 30 were $405,946.52, compared to a total of $390,000 for the preceding fiscal year.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Charles N. Cranford

During this past year we have met with the leadership of New Hope Church and have received quarterly reports noting their progress.

We recommend:
That New Hope Church be received into full fellowship of the association.

MISSION FUNDS

Balance - October 1, 1975			$3,146.16
Receipts:	Operating budget	$600.00	
	Interest earned	185.28	785.28
Balance in savings - September 30, 1976			$3,931.44

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Robert A. Cantwell

Parliamentarian	Charles Ingle
Historian	Mrs. Harmon James
Director of Library Services	Mrs. Reggie Deaton
Trustee, Chairman	J. M. Sherrill
Trustee	Bill Beard
Trustee	David Ross
S.S. Director	Albert C. Helms, Jr.
Outreach Director	Hubert Morrow
V.B.S. Director	Robert A. Cantwell
Adult Director	Ronald Finger
Church Training Director	D. Harding Caldwell
Brotherhood Director	
Music Director	Kennith D. Adams

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP REPRESENTATIVES

Rev. Paul Crotts	Frank Hoyle	David Rhodes
Bob Hawley		Roy Houk

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

Three years	Truitt Beard	Mrs. W. C. Harris
Chairman	Joe Nations	

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

American Bible Society	-	Loyd Spencer
Annuity Board	-	James F. Collette
Baptist Foundation	-	Charles Moseley
Children's Homes	-	Aaron Wylie
Christian Action League	-	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.
Christian Education	-	Guy P. Helms
Christian Literature	-	Harold L. Brown
Homes for the Aging	-	Grady Bumgarner
Hospital	-	Harold King
South Mountain Camp	-	Paul Crotts
Stewardship	-	G. C. Wray
Foreign Missions	-	Foyd Bennett
Home Missions	-	Donald Willis
State Missions	-	Floyd Kirksey

ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Charles W. Moseley

We were blessed this past year in having five men to accept God's call to the

Gospel Ministry. The following men were examined and recommended for ordination: Alan Bandy, Maiden, First; Jack Calloway, Faith; Ronald E. Lynch, Mountain View; David Chapmen, Sharon; and Leroy Neal Reel, Friendly Chapel.

RESOLUTION

COY HILLARD DELLINGER

August 26, 1924 - February 27, 1976

In the providence of God, on Friday evening, February 27, 1976, Brother Coy Hillard Dellinger was called from our midst to the presence of his Lord. On the following Sunday afternoon his body was laid to rest in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetary, outside of Cherryville, there to await "the Lord himself...from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God."

Our hearts have been saddened by this passing, but we thank God "we sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." We believe and are fully persuaded that "to be absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord." With this confidence we bow in humble submission to the will of God and await the day when we shall be united in the presence of Christ our Lord.

Brother Dellinger for more than twenty-eight years served as the beloved pastor of North Brook Baptist Church. At the time of his homegoing he was the Moderator of South Fork Baptist Association. Two things perhaps stand out more in the life of this man. Of him it could be said, "He was faithful and beloved." We give thanks to our Heavenly Father that we were privileged to have him walk in our midst.

Therefore, We, the Associational Board of the South Fork Baptist Association, meeting in session Tuesday, March 16, 1976, at the Gainsville Baptist Church, Lincolnton, do hereby resolve:

1. That we pause and express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his life and the joy of knowing him.

2. That we present this resolution to the Annual Meeting of our Association at the Salem Baptist Church, Lincolnton, on Tuesday, October 19, 1976.

3. That a copy be spread upon the minutes of this Board; that a copy be sent to his family; and that a copy be sent to the North Brook Baptist Church.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION
Mrs. Mark Hoyle

Balance on hand - October 1, 1975	$2,340.75

RECEIPTS:

Maiden, First	$ 50.00	
Interest earned	122.00	172.00

Balance in savings, September 30, 1976 $2,512.75

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP
Paul Crotts

The Lord continues to bless and meet the needs of campers who come to camp. Our program is designed to help campers to see their need for God, to know His will for their lives and to know and accept their responsibility in sharing Christ with the whole world.

We had over 3000 in attendance this year, including those who came as special groups. In addition, we had several hundreds who visited various services. This year we averaged 176 campers per week for the twelve camps that we held which included 177 from your Association. Of these 3000 campers the Holy Spirit inspired over 1000 to make some kind of decision, including 250 professions of faith. It was satisfying to present hundreds of honor and star camper awards.

Some churches and individuals remodeled four of our cottages. A 4000 gallon storage water tank was installed this summer. Other improvements were made. We purchased a new electric stove for the kitchen. A new roof was put on the assembly building and the Harris Cottage. The missionary Cottage was completed enough to use this summer. An electric furnace has been given for the Kester Memorial Cottage.

The Pleasant Hill Church has built a 78 x 32 ft. cottage with a full basement. The Lincoln Avenue Church is constructing a 40 x 30 ft. two story cottage. At least three cottages are to be remodeled. A church and two families have made commitments to build three more cottages. The first Baptist church of Drexel is to build a cottage in 1977. The Bessemer City Church is remodeling their cottage.

We still owe $4500 on the Chapel. We need about $5000 to complete the basement. A storage building is still needed. Other improvements should be made.

STATE MISSIONS
Nathan L. May

We are a state convention of 3,458 autonomous churches coming together"... to promote missions, evangelism, education, social services." (Constitution, Article II). The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was founded for missions. It is held together because of missions, and its future growth depends upon a commitment to missions.

Basic to that commitment is a strong program of State Missions. The State of State Missions strongly affects the state of Home and Foreign Missions. Mission programs in distant areas depend upon the strength of the home churches. Overseas and National Missions look to us for prayer, concern, missionaries, and money. To be weak on the "home front" is to be even weaker in distant lands.

During the past several years State Missions has emphasized programs to strengthen church and association ministries. Two important emphases are Bible study and leadership training. A strong Christian education program is the backbone of mission support. The church program department--Sunday School, Church Ministries and Training, Church Music, W.M.U. and Brotherhood--are wholly commited to these tasks.

A second major program of State Missions are the "direct mission" ministries. These programs lengthen the churches' concern across the state, representing you in areas where your church does not serve. The ministries include Deaf Missions, Resort Missions, Student Missions, Chaplaincy and Language Ministries, Christian Social Ministries, and Inter-racial Ministries.

Co-operation is the key for bold outreach--Local Churches, Associations, State Missions, and Home Missions working together to make possible the 51 different ministries in North Carolina.

State Missions is supported by the Co-operative Program and annual State Missions offering. The 1976 State Missions Offering goal is $400,000. The offering distribution, approved by the 1975 Baptist State Convention, is as follows:

$175,000	Basic State Mission Budget
43,000	Fruitland Classroom Building
72,000	Caraway Conference Center
10,000	Special Mission Projects
100,000	Baptist Assembly (Caswell)

STEWARDSHIP
Billy C. Beaver

The faithful stewardship of individual Christians and the missionary vision of our churches, expressed through their support of the Cooperative Program enables Southern Baptists to maintain a growing World Missions Program. The stewardship theme for this year is "Bold Believers in Giving." Through the Cooperative Program we demonstrate our mission commitment.

For the Christian, commitment to the task that Jesus set forth involves a total way of life. This may be referred to as the Christian life style. One man said that as he turned his life over to the lordship of Christ and discovered the demands of discipleship, he suddenly realized that his house, his possessions, and his occupational skills belonged to Christ literally, and that they were to be used in trust to accomplish Christ's mission.

For the church, commitment to the bold mission task calls for a specific life style. Churches are stewards, too. The church must demonstrate a commitment to the mission task in the use of all possessions if it is to be true to the command of Jesus. Every church is challenged to increase annually the percentage of its income given through the Cooperative Program. Churches should consider prayerfully the 15 percentage increase suggested by the state convention for Cooperative Program and the increase suggested by the association for associational ministries.

Last year, 1126 churches increased their gifts through the Cooperative Program by 15% or more, and 4 associations in our state had 100 percent of their churches giving through the Cooperative Program.

WE RECOMMEND:

1. That a stewardship chairman be elected in every church in our association.

2. That a stewardship conference or Stewardship Decision Night be held for interested churches in order to make available to them guidance materials for use in their stewardship programs.

3. That every church conduct a stewardship emphasis this year.

4. Every church in the association giving something through the Cooperative Program for world mission support, every month.

5. Every church in the association increasing the percentage of the total budget income given through the Cooperative Program.

6. Every church in the association giving the suggested amount for the support of associational missions, every month.

7. Have a special prayer for some Cooperative Program ministry during every service in each church during the month of October.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT
L. Deck Taylor

1975-76 was a year of "Reach Out" in the Sunday School with special emphasis on reaching young adults. The special emphasis group for 1976-77 will be on youth.

"High Attendance Day" was observed on November 2, 1975. We had 48 churches reporting a total attendance of 6,723 present in Sunday School on that day.

February, 1976, was unique in that there were five Sundays in the month. Special emphasis was placed on the "Five Fabulous Sundays" and high attendance was experienced in many of our churches.

On April 12th, our associational Vacation Bible School clinic was held at

Boger City Baptist Church with 154 registered from 24 churches. Five of the faculty attended the State VBS Clinic.

During the summer, two Pastor/Director conferences were held. "Action", "Reach-Out," and "Preparation" were the topics of discussion. Interest was good and several of our churches are planning to use the "Action" materials and approach to enlist more people in Bible study.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mrs. J. E. Helms

Beginning Balance - October 1, 1975			$4,932.15
RECEIPTS:	Church Contributions	28,208.07	
	N.C. Withholding Tax	300.10	
	Annuals	766.50	
	Building Fund	6,042.64	
	Transferred from Savings	8,069.78	
	First Federal Savings & Loan	40,000.00	
	N.C. Tax Refund	327.48	
	Joe Ann Shelton Offering	343.13	
	Luther Rice Seminary	659.95	
	Lincoln Avenue(Audio-Visual)	126.00	84,843.65
TOTAL CASH			$89,775.80

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Director of Missions Salary	9,120.00
	Car Allowance	2,500.00
	Denominational Meetings	600.00
	Retirement Plan	912.00
	Hospital Insurance	605.93
	Life Insurance	413.21
	Home Utilities	894.00
	Home Telephone	111.99
	Home Upkeep & Repair	112.56
	Office Supplies, Postage	1,811.37
	Office Utilities	612.54
	Office Telephone	405.85
	Office Secretary	2,500.00
	Christmas Bonuses	225.00
	Insurance	646.60
	Clerk	275.00
	Treasurer	275.00
	Social Security	680.02
	Annuals	400.00
	Sunday School	39.80
	Church Training	80.21
	W.M.U.	500.00

Brotherhood	2.00	
Audio-Visual Aids	113.99	
Evangelism Committee	81.47	
Missions Committee	600.00	
Miscellaneous	214.01	
N.C. Withholding Tax	300.10	
Property purchased - Maiden	698.00	
Joe Ann Shelton	150.00	
Loeen Bushman	150.00	
Institutional Furnishings Sales	22.50	
Press Printing Company	536.00	
Ross Builders	44,145.30	
Salem Welding & Fab. Service	380.00	
First Federal Savings & Loan	11,854.19	
Robinson & Smith Pipe Co.	342.58	
Plastex Fabricators, Inc.	289.59	
Southeastern Equipment Co.	669.50	
Baptist S. S. Board	10.35	
Hoke S. Heavner, Surveyor	30.00	
I.B.M. Corp.	593.00	
Standard Sheet Metal	90.00	
Cronland Warp Roll	57.20	
Jacklegs	32.50	
Audio-Visual Billing Center	126.00	$85,209.36
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1976		$ 4,566.44
Summary of Cash: Budget	4,539.89	
Annuals	26.55	
		$ 4,566.44

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES - October 1, 1975 - September 30, 1976

Antioch	800.00
Bethel	360.00
Boger City	1,564.00
Calvary	991.65
Cedar Grove	250.00
Center View	547.66
Craig Memorial	1,168.85
Crouse	190.03
David Memorial	75.00
Faith	800.00
Fellowship	820.02
Friendly Chapel	420.54
Gainsville	1,044.52
Hudson Chapel	230.86
Hull's Grove	742.00
Lawing's Chapel	500.00

Leonard's Fork	196.56
Lincoln Avenue	1,441.06
Lincolnton, First	1,200.00
Long Shoals	300.00
Macedonia	943.36
Maiden, East	800.00
Maiden, First	1,874.88
Massapoag	286.14
Mount Anderson	700.00
Mount Ruhama	1,404.00
Mount Zion	607.00
Mountain View	950.00
New Hope	40.00
North Brook	550.00
Oak Grove	324.98
Olivet	540.00
Pearl	640.00
Piney Grove	500.50
Reepsville	966.88
River View	957.27
Roseland	127.33
Salem	950.00
Sharon	121.93
Southside	923.60
Temple	157.45
Westport	200.00
Total Receipts from Churches	$28,208.07

BUILDING FUND REPORT

Balance on Hand - October 1, 1975			$ 1,268.98
CONTRIBUTIONS:	Amity	250.00	
	Antioch	125.00	
	Boger City	90.46	
	Craig Memorial	332.85	
	Crouse	100.00	
	Faith	200.00	
	Hull's Grove	300.00	
	Lawing's Chapel	30.51	
	Lincoln Avenue	481.00	
	Lincolnton, First	600.00	
	Maiden, East	120.00	
	Maiden, First	775.00	
	Mount Anderson	300.00	
	Mountain View	300.00	
	North Brook	150.00	
	Oak Grove	165.00	

	Olivet	100.00		
	Reepsville	600.00		
	Salem	150.00		
	Sharon	90.00		
	Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Sigmon	50.00		
	Robinson's Concrete Co.	28.50		
	N.C. Sales Tax Refund	623.48		
	South Mountain Pulpwood Co,Inc.	80.84	6,042.64	
Transfer from Savings			8,069.78	
First Federal Savings & Loan			40,000.00	
Transfer from General Funds			1,809.96	55,922.38
TOTAL CASH				$57,191.36
DISBURSEMENTS:	Ross Builders		39,103.40	
	First Federal (October)		6,339.78	
	First Federal (December)		4,010.48	
	First Federal		1,503.93	
	Ross Builders (Loader & Gravel)		390.00	
	Salem Welding & Fab. Service		380.00	
	Robinson & Smith Pipe Co.		7.28	
	Plastex Fabricators, Inc.		289.59	
	Robinson & Smith Pipe Co.		335.30	
	Ross Builders(Completion of Basement)		4,651.90	
	Standard Sheet Metal		90.00	
	Cronlands Warp Roll		57.20	
	Jacklegs		32.50	$57,191.36
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1976				-0-

TRUSTEES REPORT
J. M. Sherrill

ASSETS:	Office	$48,668.19	
	Home	30,000.00	
	Office Equipment	6,843.83	
	Cash	4,539.89	
TOTAL ASSETS:			$90,051.91
LIABILITIES:			
	Loan- First Federal Savings & Loan Asso.		29,413.32
NET RESOURCES			$60,638.59

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Mrs. Earl F. Armstrong

On October 14, 1975, the annual leadership conference for training of officers

leaders and assistants in the local churches was held at Faith Church, Iron Station, with an excellent response received from the churches.

November 13, 1975, Baptist Women held their annual banquet at the National Guard Armory in Lincolnton with Reba Williams presiding. Our program theme was "Let Christ's Freedom Ring." Baptist Women were served a catered meal and special music was presented by Ellen Bridges, Soloist, accompanied by Alice Beidleman. Our honored guest and speaker was Mrs. C. F. Clark, Missionary to Japan. Attendance was 302.

On March 30, 1976, the 67th annual session of South Fork Woman's Missionary Union took place at Southside Baptist Church, Lincolnton, with emphasis and purpose of our fellowship based upon the theme "Freedom...In Christ." Inspirational music was presented by Steve Bunker and The Lifestyles, residents of Charlotte and members of Sharon Forest Church. We were greatly honored to have Miss Martha Franks, retired missionary to China, as our guest speaker. A reception followed the service. Registrations numbered 125.

Woman's Missionary Union was represented at the annual Meeting in Greensboro for the State of North Carolina. Pearl, Lincolnton, First, and Mount Ruhama received special recognition by state officers for achievements.

Several members of the W.M.U. Council attended Ridgecrest Assembly, where they received guidance and training for the coming church year 1976-77. These members were in attendance also at Camp Mundo Vista at the annual leadership conference for associational officers.

Special activities among all age levels throughout the year, among the churches included foreign, home and state missions emphases, prayer retreats, a singspiration, a sleep-in, fellowship meetings with inspirational programs, and participation in mission support, mission action and mission study.

We are deeply grateful to you, SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION for your tremendous support and presence with us during 1975-76.

Yes, "LET THE CHURCH STAND UP"....for growth in Woman's Missionary Union; and we look forward to sharing with <u>you</u> another year of praise and honor for the Kingdom of God.

W.M.U. OFFICERS FOR 1976-77 are:

Mrs. Earl F. Armstrong, W.M.U. Director
Mrs. Fred Harrill, Secretary and Treasurer
Mrs. Richard Keever, Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Al Napier, Assistant Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Jim Warlick, Baptist Young Women Director
Mrs. Ken Clark, Assistant B.Y.W. Director
Mrs. Neal Alexander, Acteen Director
Mrs. Bill Woodruff, Assistant Acteen Director
Mrs. James Calvin, Girls In Action Director
Mrs. Betty Gilleland, Mission Friends Director
Mrs. Joe Yarborough, Assistant Mission Friends Director

PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

AMITY
Mrs. Virginia Lynch
Deacon Dan Reel, Sr.

ANTIOCH
Mrs. Mabel Nash
Mrs. Cloie Reel Wilkinson

BOGER CITY
Mrs. Ocie Whisnant Moody
Mr. Charlie Boyd Tolbert
Mr. Odell Lander Wright

CENTER VIEW
Miss Patricia Bullard
Mrs. Belle Clippard Hovis

CRAIG MEMORIAL
Mr. Thomas Snead

FAITH
Mr. David F. Helton

FRIENDLY CHAPEL
Mrs. Bonnie Lineberger
Deacon George Shull

GAINSVILLE
Mrs. Minie Avery
Mrs. Ellen Tutherow

HUDSON CHAPEL
Mrs. Rebecca Travis

HULL'S GROVE
Mr. Voyd Brendel
Mrs. Zeb Jenks

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Mrs. John Scott

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mrs. Linda Robinson

LINCOLNTON, FIRST
Mrs. R. H. Caldwell
Deacon Roy Chronister
Mr. Robert Denton
Mrs. Effie Moore
Mr. Horace Wilson
Mrs. Albert Young

MACEDONIA
Miss Shelly Brown
Deacon George Lee

MAIDEN, EAST
Mrs. Mary Lee Moore
Mrs. Floyd Sigmon

MAIDEN, FIRST
Mr. Albert Detter
Mr. Clarence Lowman
Mr. Jerry Parham
Mr. Russell Rogers
Mrs. Lottie Taylor
Mrs. L. J. Whitener
Mr. Powell Williams

MOUNT ANDERSON
Mrs. Cora Hicks
Miss Debby Waugh

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mr. Clinton W. Caldwell
Mr. James David Drum
Deacon Brown Laney, Sr.
Mrs. Lola A. Lowe
Mr. Larry Odis Smith
Mr. Elmer Ervin Spencer
Mrs. Glenn Williams

MOUNT ZION
Mrs. Lecky Rhyne

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mrs. Mae Lawing Harris
Mrs. Roxana Rains

NORTH BROOK
Rev. Coy H. Dellinger

OAK GROVE
Mr. B. Charles Caudle, Jr.

OLIVET
Mrs. Dora Eades
Mrs. Pearl Eades
Mr. Arnold Gilleland
Mr. Tommy Singleton
Mr. Baynes Williams

REEPSVILLE
Mrs. Florence Colvard
Mr. Robert L. Haynes
Deacon Dorus Helms

RIVER VIEW
Mrs. Emily Carswell Allran
Rev. Ernest W. Friday
Mr. Paul N. Heafner
Mrs. Ocie Smith Huffstetler
Mrs. Ida Chronister Rhodes

ROSELAND
Mr. Mack George
Mrs. J. L. Henderson

SALEM
Mrs. Bessie Hollifield
Mr. Webb Stroupe

SHARON
Mrs. W. H. Perkins

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. Charlie Brown
Mrs. Callie Reinhardt
Mr. Thurmond Whitesides

WESTPORT
Mrs. Mattie D. James

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1975*	1976**	Gain or Loss
Total Baptisms	518	392	(126)
Additions by letter, etc.	424	377	(47)
Total Membership	12,986	13,040	54
S. S. Enrolment	9,249	9,071	(178)
V.B.S. Enrolment	4,350	4,067	(283)
C. T. Enrolment	2,541	2,458	(83)
W.M.U. Enrolment	2,382	2,313	(69)
Brotherhood Enrolment	1,389	1,329	(60)
Church Music Enrolment	2,045	1,958	(87)
Total Receipts	$1,924,417	2,231,596	$307,179
Cooperative Program Gifts	170,573	185,861	15,288
Total Mission Gifts	324,158	355,975	31,817

* 1975 is based on 44 of 49 churches

** 1976 is based on 43 of 48 churches

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

(Tentative)

1977

JANUARY	1	NEWS YEARS DAY
	3- 7	JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WEEK - EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS
	9	SOUL WINNING COMMITMENT DAY
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
	14-15	HOME MISSION TEACHER TRAINING, CARAWAY
	17	PASTOR/MUSIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOP, LENOIR
	17-18	S.S.BIBLE TEACHING/LEARNING WORKSHOP, CHARLOTTE
	23	BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
	28-29	LAY WITNESS ANNUAL MEETING, CARAWAY
FEBRUARY	6	BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY
	7- 9	STATEWIDE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE, GREENSBORO
	11-13	MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT, CARAWAY
	13	RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY
	13-19	W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	15	*Pastors' Wives*
	17	*Associational Council*
	20	HOMES FOR THE AGING DAY
	21-22	S.S. BIBLE TEACHING/LEARNING WORKSHOP, HICKORY
	21-23	*Lay Renewal Conference*
	25-27	HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RETREAT, CARAWAY
MARCH	1	*Associational Evangelism Conference*
		URBAN MISSIONS CONFERENCE, WINSTON-SALEM
	4- 5	LANGUAGE MISSIONS CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
		DAY CAMP WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	6-13	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
	8	*Pastors' Wives*
	13	HOME MISSIONS DAY
	13-20	YOUTH WEEK
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	15	*Associational Board Meeting*
	15-16	W.M.U. ANNUAL SESSION, ASHEVILLE
	16	DAY CAMP WORKSHOP
	17-18	V.B.S. CLINIC, RIDGECREST
	19	*Associational Youth Night*
	20	*Gardner-Webb Ministerial Day*
	22-24	GARDNER-WEBB MINISTERS CONFERENCE
	23	DAY CAMP WORKSHOP, GARDNER-WEBB
	25-27	PIONEER R.A. CONGRESS, WINGATE
	28-29	PREACHING/WORKSHOP, RALEIGH

APRIL	1- 2	WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION WORKSHOP, ASHEVILLE
	5	*W.M.U. Annual Meeting*
	10	EASTER
	11	*Pastors' Conference*
		Associational V.B.S. Clinic
	12	*Pastors' Wives*
	15-16	CHURCH LIBRARY CONFERENCE, GREENSBORO
	17	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY
	18-22	BAPTIST DOCTRINE WEEK
	22-23	WEEKEND R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	22-24	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
		STATE ACTEENS CONVENTION, RIDGECREST
	23	BAPTIST MEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
	24	LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY
	29-30	WEEKEND R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	29-May 1	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
		BAPTIST YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
MAY	1- 8	CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK
	2- 3	CHRISTIAN SEX EDUCATION WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	5- 7	YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	6- 7	B.Y.W. RETREAT, MUNDO VISTA
	6- 8	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
	7	INTERFAITH WITNESS CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	8	MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
	9	*Pastors' Conference*
		COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE, GREENSBORO
	10	*Pastors' Wives*
	13-15	TEACHER & INTERPRETER CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	15	RADIO & T.V. SUNDAY
	16-22	*Week of Prayer for Associational Missions*
	19	*Associational Council*
	20-21	STATE R.A. TRACK MEET, GARDNER-WEBB
	23-26	SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	27-28	STATE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE, RALEIGH
JUNE	12	RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUNDAY
	12-13	W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING, KANSAS CITY, MO.
	14-16	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
	19	BAPTIST COLLEGE DAY
	20	*Pastors' Conference*
	21	*Associational Board Meeting*

JULY	3	CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SUNDAY
	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
	4- 8	WEEK OF CHRISTIAN STUDY & FELLOWSHIP, MARS HILL
	10	CHRISTIAN LITERATURE DAY
	11	*Pastors' Conference*
AUGUST	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	11	*Associational Council*
	19	YOUTH EVANGELISM NIGHT, GREENSBORO
	28	ON-TO-COLLEGE DAY
	29	*Church Clerks Workshop*
	30	*Church Clerks Workshop*
SEPTEMBER	2- 3	ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS' WORKSHOP, MUNDO VISTA
	5	LABOR DAY
	9-10	BROTHERHOOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING, CARAWAY
	12	*Pastors' Conference*
	13	*Pastors' Wives*
		Interfaith conference
	15	CHILDREN'S HOMES CONFERENCE, THOMASVILLE
	16-17	PART-TIME MUSIC DIRECTORS RETREAT, CARAWAY
	18	STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
	19-21	MULTI-VENTION, CARAWAY
	20	*Associational Board Meeting*
		CHURCH BUILDING CONFERENCE, LENIOR
	23-25	LAY RENEWAL CELEBRATION, CARAWAY
	25-30	SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION WEEK
	26	PRESCHOOL-CHILDREN MUSIC WORKSHOP, HICKORY
OCTOBER	3- 4	BAPTIST WOMEN SEMINARS
	5	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PRAYER EMPHASIS (each Wednesday)
	6- 7	BAPTIST WOMEN SEMINARS
	7- 8	B.Y.W. CONVENTION, RIDGECREST
		S.S. AGE GROUP CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	9	BIBLICAL RECORDER DAY
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
	14-15	S.S. AGE GROUP CONFERENCE, RIDGECREST
		CRUSDAER R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	14-16	DEACONS RETREAT, CARAWAY
	17-19	SENIOR ADULT RETREAT, CARAWAY
	18	*Annual Associational Meeting*
	19	*Annual Associational Meeting*
	21-23	SENIOR MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
		CAREER & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT, RIDGECREST
	28-29	PIONEER R.A. OFFICERS WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	28-30	MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT
		CREATIVE METHODS IN BIBLE STUDY, CARAWAY
	30	S.S. HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY

NOVEMBER	1	W.M.U. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP, RIDGECREST
	4- 5	CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS/PASTORS CONFERENCE, WINSTON-SALEM
	6-12	ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK
	8	*Pastors' Wives*
	10	*Associational council*
	11	JANUARY BIBLE STUDY, GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE
	11-12	YOUTH COUNCIL RETREAT, CARAWAY
	13	AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY DAY
	13-14	N.C. BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION
	14-16	BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, CHARLOTTE
	18-19	CHURCH ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
		CRUSADER R.A. CONGRESS
		ASSOCIATIONAL ACTEENS OFFICERS RETREAT, MUNDO VISTA
	20-23	FOREIGN MISSION GRADES SERIES STUDY
	24	THANKSGIVING
	25-26	DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT, CARAWAY
	27	CHILDREN'S HOMES OFFERING
	28	*"M" Night*
DECEMBER	4-11	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS AND LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
	11	FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY
	12	*Pastors' Conference*
	20	*Associational Board Meeting*
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY

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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

THEME: "LET THE CHURCH REACH OUT"

Program

Tuesday, October 18, 1977
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Lincolnton, North Carolina

3:30	Registration	
4:00	Worship	Robert A. Cantwell
4:15	Organization and Order of Business Welcome Recognition of Visitors Introduction of New Workers	D. Harding Caldwell
4:25	Reports and Miscellaneous Business Treasurer Finance Committee Executive Committee Committee on Committees Nominating Committee Program Committee	 Mrs. J. E. Helms Bob Hawley Melvin D. Rabb Charles H. Ingle D. Harding Caldwell Mrs. Earl F. Armstrong
4:55	Hymn	
5:00	Worship Scripture and Prayer Message in Music Annual Sermon	 Loyd J. Spencer Mrs. David Eaker, Mrs. Peggy Finger, Mrs. David Ross J. C. Beal
5:45	Benediction	Marvin Greenway

Supper

7:00	Worship	Robert A. Cantwell
7:15	Message in Music	Choir, Westport Baptist Church
7:20	Director of Missions' Address	James B. McQuere
7:50	Hymn	
7:55	Message in Music	Choir, Westport Baptist Church
8:05	BOLD MISSION THRUST	Howard J. Ford
8:45	Benediction	Ron Richardson

Wednesday, October 19, 1977
WESTPORT BAPTIST CHURCH
Denver, North Carolina

9:15	Worship	Robert A. Cantwell
9:30	Baptist Foundation	Miss Sara Ann Hobbs
9:40	South Mountain Camp	T. A. Lineberger
9:50	Hospital	Gerald Hewitt
10:15	Hymn	
10:20	Annuity Board	Hugh Borders
10:30	Christian Literature	Woodrow W. Hill
10:40	Christian Higher Education	Fred B. Bentley
11:10	Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business	
11:20	Hymn	
11:25	Memorial Service	James F. Graham
11:35	Message in Music	Larry W. Arnold
11:40	BOLD NEW THRUSTS IN FOREIGN MISSIONS	H. Cloyes Starnes
12:15	Benediction	Dewey Price

Lunch

OFFICERS

Moderator	Elliott Loftin
Vice-Moderator	Charles H. Ingle
Clerk	Mrs. J. E. Helms
Music Director	Larry W. Arnold
Parliamentarian	Charles H. Ingle
Director of Missions	James B. McQuere

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
Loyd Spencer, Jr.

The "Good News Bible" is here! In the fall of our Bicentennial year, the American Bible Society completed and published the "Good News Bible" in Today's English Version. This is the culmination of years of precise, painstaking translation work. It makes available for the first time, a faithful translation of the sacred text in a style of language readily understood by most people.

It was in November, 1961 when the Reverend M. Wendell Belew wrote to Dr. Eugene A. Nida indicating a need for Scriptures "translated for the fourth grade level." A month later the project was underway under the direction of Dr. Robert G. Bratcher, a Southern Baptist. The New Testament was published in 1966. Acceptance of this common language translation was widespread and immediate. However, nowhere was there more enthusiastic reception then from Southern Baptists. The General Baptist Convention of Texas immediately made plans to distribute over one million copies. Such reaction made the translation of the whole Bible imperative and led to the publication of the "Good News Bible" in December, 1976.

The purpose of the American Bible Society has remained unchanged throughout the years--the translation, publication, and distribution of Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment and without profit. Since 1816 the American Bible Society has been making God's Word available to spiritually hungry people everywhere. At least one book of the Bible has been translated into more than 1,600 languages as of December 31, 1976.

Scripture distribution in the United States during 1976 reached a total of 114,769,046 copies, an increase of 5,229,265 over 1975. One million copies of the "Good News Bible" were circulated in the month of December alone, one month after publication.

In 1976 the American Bible Society produced 15,227,850 Scripture imprints, of which 4,636,000 were requested by various Southern Baptist organizations.

The Bible Society asks for your continued prayers that, together with the Southern Baptist Convention and all willing Christians, we will be blessed by God in our combined efforts to bring His Word to all those who are in desperate need of it.

ANNUITY BOARD
James F. Collette

In 1976, the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention recommended a new retirement program which was approved by all the state Baptist Conventions. The new program called the Southern Baptist Retirement Program will go into effect January 1, 1978.

Detailed information will be presented to churches in the early fall with a ROUTE 10 promotional theme, according to Darold H. Morgan, president of the Board.

The Board paid $17,138,343 in benefits to 11,925 widows, retired or disabled members in 1976. During its 59 years of service, the Board has paid more than $158 million in retirement and protection benefits.

A 13th Check amounting to one month's income was mailed for the eleventh time to annuitants. The combined amount of this extra benefit came to $830,525.

Most members benefit from a decision to increase the interest rate for figuring retirement benefits. Annuitants began receiving larger checks as of January 1, 1977.

For almost 45,000 members, the Board held in trust funds totaling $472,218,669 for retirement benefits for the year ending 1976.

The Annuity Board also administers life, medical and disability insurance programs, which reflected increases in membership.

Additional information concerning the Annuity Board and its programs of retirement and insurance may be obtained from the state convention offices or by contacting the Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, TX 75201.

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS, 1977

Retirement Plans:	Total Members	Insurance	
Plan A (churches-agencies) -Family Benefit-	27,598	**Health Insurance	17,029
Plan B (" ") -Age Security-	25,412	Group Life (churches)	9,451
Plan C (" ") -Variable Fund-	5,987	Group Life (agencies)	13,300
Total Benefits Paid -retirement and protection-	$17,138,343	*Life Benefit Plan	3,111
Relief Benefits	$285,504	*Closed to new members	
Relief Recipients	425	**Includes students, churches, agencies	

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
Elliott Loftin

1. We voted to remove the name of Coral Park Church from our fellowship.

2. We voted to remove the name of West Lincolnton Church from our roll at their request.

3. We adopted an Associational Goal of $30,000.00 for the State Missions Offering.

4. We voted to apply all moneys in excess of $6,000.00 balance in the general operating fund as of September 30, 1977 to the loan with the First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Lincolnton, N.C.

5. We adopted the Proposed Budget for 1977-78.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Charles Moseley

The establishment of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation as an agency of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was approved in 1919 and chartered in 1920. The objectives of this agency of the Convention were clearly stated in its charter:

"1. To promote the making of gifts...for the causes and objects fostered by the members of the missionary Baptist denomination in the State of North Carolina, in their cooperative undertakings, and to provide a way of securing greater uniformity of purposes, powers, and duties of administration in the management and distribution of the gifts so made;

"2. To receive, own, hold, administer, and distribute gifts of any kind...to be used for the promotion of the Missionary Baptist cause in general or any specified object of the Missionary Baptist denomination..."

The Foundation continues to strive toward fulfilling the objectives stated in its charter. In so doing it will serve more as a trustee than as a foundation, as foundations are presently defined. As trustee, the donor or benefactor makes decisions relative to specific or general recipients of trust income.

The Foundation is the only agency or institution receiving its total operating budget from the Cooperative Program. Its fifteen member Board of Directors is elected by the Convention, three each year selected for five year terms. The Directors through an Executive Committee has responsibility for reviewing budget needs and recommending its request to the General Board Budget Committee.

The emphasis of the Foundation is Stewardship. We seek to create an increased awareness of and interest in a total Christian commitment as it involves life and possessions. Certain aspects of our efforts are simply interpreting the Christian tenets regarding one's trusteeship of God's gifts. Other factors in our ministry involve technical and legal matters as they pertain to estate planning and distribution of assets. An understanding of these principles provide opportunities for individuals to become better stewards.

The Foundation provides a unique channel for persons to provide tangible financial assistance for all Christian ministries fostered by Southern Baptists - forever - by naming the Cooperative Program as beneficiary of trust funds. This option, of course, is one of many. The specific institution or mission cause may be named as trust beneficiary or any combination of these.

CHILDREN'S HOMES
Aaron Wylie

Baptist of North Carolina provide a ministry of love and care to children, young people and their families. The program is more than rooms and meals and activities and recreation. It's more than buildings and grounds. The care of children is missions...reaching out with a helping hand; it is evangelism...sharing the joy of life in Christ; it is love and affection... the giving of hugs and kisses and friendship; it is education...teaching an appreciation for the finer things in life, it is restoration...enabling families to function again.

Campuses at Mills Home, Thomasville; Kennedy Home, Kinston; Odum Home, Pembroke; and Broyhill Home, Waynesville-Clyde continue to serve as centers of service and operation in their respective areas of the state.

Foster Home care, a state wide program of the Homes, is vital to numbers of children needing special help. Additional foster homes are needed thoughout the state. We welcome opportunities to talk with prospective foster parents about this area of service.

Emergency Shelters at Forest City, Charlotte, Burlington and Henderson are meeting a critical need. They provide a ready resource for children who need help immediately. During a period of one to ninety days responsible planning is made for the child's future.

The Maternity Home in Asheville, opened in 1970, has proved to be a much-needed and well-received service. More than three hundred girls have been served from throughout North Carolina and beyond. It is recognized for its quality of care and Christian concern.

Social Work and Family Resource Centers enable us to work with families in providing services to children, family rehabilitation, family education and preventive services. These Centers are located at Waynesville, Asheville, Charlotte, Thomasville, Burlington, Raleigh, Kinston, Fayetteville and Pembroke.

The Child Development Center on the Mills Home Campus at Thomasville provides a demonstration program for churches who are interested in establishing services for preschool age children in nursery school education, day care and kindergarten. We welcome opportunities to assist churches any place in the State who want to develop this type program.

Members of our staff are anxious to have you and members of your churches visit on any of our campuses. To see, observe and to feel in person what it is like to live in a children's home is to appreciate our child care ministry. Thank you for your dependable support in numerous ways. It shall be our purpose to keep this a dynamic ministry and to meet the needs of those whom we serve.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.

The N.C. Christian action League has been engaged in a two pronged attack

on the moral front during the past year. A real effort has been made to curb the flow of pornography, and the liquor-by-the-drink issue has been opposed at every turn.

In the legislative program of the League a questionaire was sent to each candidate for the State Senate and the House of Representatives asking for views on the question of the disemination of hard-core pornographic materials. Another question went so far as to suggest a state-wide vote on the matter of regulating and controlling distribution of pornographic materials.

Senate Bill No. 539 was introduced by Senator I. Beverly Lake, Jr. of Wake County. It is hoped that this law will regulate and eventually do away with hard-core pornography in North Carolina. The bill was amended many times. but the strength of the statute remains intact. This new law will permit the solicitor or the attorney general to proceed against pornography.

Another bill has been enacted that will prohibit the display of pornographic magazines and other materials on racks in public places where they can be viewed by monors. Still another law was passed that will make it illegal to use minors in the production of pornographic materials.

The effort against liquor-by-the-drink began before the election of Senators and Representatives last year. An all out campaign was conducted to ascertain the views of candidates on the question of more liberal laws in relation to the sale of alcoholic beverages. Many committed themselves to oppose any such legislation and became voting members of the 1977 Assembly. We counted heavily upon these friends to hold the line against the encroachment of any new legislation that would merchandise whiskey like apples and oranges, and no such legislation was passed during the 1977 session.

Senate Bill No. 735 was introduced in May. This bill would have given a vote to any county, city or town which had an ABC store to determine if liquor-by-the-drink sales would be authorized. The bill would have allowed the addition of such sales on top of "brown-bagging." In other words, a restaurant which qualified could have had both types of permits. This would have given North Carolina one of the most liberal systems in the United States. Due to some vote-swapping to revive the pornography bill, this measure passed the Senate by a 24 to 23 vote. The proponents of the bill, realizing that it was headed for defeat in the House by at least 15 votes, made a last minute move which sent the bill back to the House ABC Committee, where it will await next year's session of the General Assembly.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Guy P. Helms

Christian Higher Education is a ministry Baptist of North Carolina have been interested in, and become involved with. The Baptist of our state support six colleges and one university: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wingate, and Wake Forest University. During the past year, there were 13,733 students enrolled in the seven schools, with 2,493 graduating in May, 1977.

These Baptist colleges strongly emphasize the preparation of pastors,

missionaries, and other church vocation volunteers. Last year there was 846 persons preparing for church-related vocations of North Carolina at North Carolina Baptist colleges.

The colleges make an effort to recruit more Baptist young people from our churches. Church leaders and pastors are urged to encourage the youth in our churches to enroll in one of our Baptist schools for higher education. During 1977, the pastors have given the names of more than 6,000 prospective students to our Baptist colleges through the council on Christian Higher Education. These youth have received information from the colleges and the council office.

Each of these colleges pledges to assist needy students financially so that more of our youth can have an educational experience at a Christian school. On Father's Day each year, an offering is taken in our churches to provice aid for North Carolina youth. Students who have a need to apply for financial aid are urged to make application to the college of their choice early in their junior year of high school. Loans, grants, and work scholarships are available for those who need them.

North Carolina Baptist colleges are grateful for the continued financial support which they reveive through the cooperative program. These generous funds can make a tremendous difference in the quality of education offered by our schools. The colleges reaffirm their support and partnership in missions with the churches, and offer the services of faculty, students and other campus resources to make the Bold Mission emphasis of Southern Baptist a vital and successful ministry.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Christian Life Council majored on two aspects in 1977 - the family and legislative issues. W. Douglas Cole became director of the Christian Family Life Department January 1, 1977. Under his leadership, the Council sponsored marriage enrichment retreats, minister-wife retreats, parenting workshops, conference for engaged couples, sex-education conference and promoted the National Single Adult Conference at Ridgecrest. In addition, many tracts on the family were printed and distributed among North Carolina Baptists.

Since the General Assembly was in session during 1977, the Council was involved on a number of issues. Some of the issues were assigned to the Council by the Convention. Other issues were suggested by the twenty persons who comprise the Council. Some of the legislative concerns were pornography, liquor-by-the-drink, capital punishment, Equal Rights Amendment, chaplains for prisons, etc.

The Council also sponsored a state-wide workshop on death and dying, particularly as it related to euthanasia (easy death) or, as it is commonly called, "mercy killing."

America suffers from a crisis in morality and integrity. Only as Christians live out their faith will a lost world be improved and changed. To that end the Christian Life Council is dedicated.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Harold L. Brown

What is perhaps the greatest challenge faced in all the history of Southern Baptist is before our people for the remaining years of this 20th Century. We have been commissioned by our Saviour with the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20. These are our marching orders as spiritual soldiers in the army of the Lord. We dare not do less than to carry out the commands of our Christ in the fullest of spiritual obedience.

The heart of Jesus' program is to evangelize and congregationalize the world's population, and the thrust is confronting all human beings everywhere with the Gospel, and giving them the opportunity of knowing and trusting Christ as Saviour, and then leading them to a full understanding of His spiritual Lordship.

The program is so big, and the challenge so great, that every Baptist must be invovled to make it successful. Not since Jesus presented His Disciples with their early commission has the task been so tremendous. We have a far greater world, with far more multitudinous scores of people, and with far greater demands made from every side in order to try to reach these scattered millions all around the world.

The most difficult problems faced in our churches, and in the agencies of our Convention is related to communications. When people are uninformed or poorly informed, or misinformed, they get into trouble. When they know what is taking place in their local church, or in their associational, or the South-wide endeavor then their interest and their efforts are directed in the right areas and ways. Openness is therefore important. Now it is the objective of all our South-wide periodicals, journals, quarterlies, as well as State papers to keep the Baptist church members informed concerning their involvement in their denomination, as well as their responsibility in fulfilling the spiritual requirements of the Great Commission within their own lives and local church.

Our denominational periodicals are so geared as to inform rightly, and to challenge the hearts, minds, and souls of all our people to rise up and meet the demands of the present hour. The Sunday School Board in presenting the quarterly, literature; the mission organizations presenting the specific literature for that particular organization; the Foreign Mission Board presenting the specific facts and information from that agency, and the State Papers presenting the facts and information from that particular state with it's definite activities and responsibilities. Thus into our hands and minds flows the finest literature to challenge, to inform, and to guide us in our response and fulfillment of the task that is ours.

True Christian Literature doesn't cost - It pays!! Your church and people will be a healthier congregation if you provide the highest type of spiritual guidance, information and influence, that can be selected by well-balanced spiritual literature. Keep on supplying your families with solid, Bible-oriented, Scripturally based and sound literature; also keeping them in touch with their State Paper, and other sound spiritual literature that will help them to grow more fully like Christ their wonderful Lord.

CHURCH TRAINING
D. Harding Caldwell

Lawing's Chapel hosted "M" Night on Monday, December 6, 1976. D. Harding Caldwell presided at the meeting. Several church training testimonies were shared followed by Dr. Craven E. Williams, President, Gardner-Webb College, bringing the message. The choir from Salem Church rendered special music. The plaque was awarded to Salem Church by Elliott Loftin. There were 205 persons in attendance representing 24 churches.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Charles H. Ingle

Executive Committee		
Three years	Paul Crotts	Blair Wilkinson
Chairman	Harold L. Brown	
Finance Committee		
Three years	Marvin Greenway	Buford Bumgarner
Chairman	Donald Willis	
Missions Committee		
Three years	Ron Richardson	Ned Setzer
Chairman	Elliott Loftin	
Nominating Committee		
Three years	B. J. Morris	Mrs. James Calvin
Chairman	D. Harding Caldwell	
Program Committee		
Three years	Larry W. Arnold	Mrs. Shirley Alexander
Chairman	L. Deck Taylor	
Evangelism Committee		
Three years	Nathan L. May	
Chairman	John P. Smith	
Ordination Committee		
Two years	Johnny Crotts	
Three years	Thomas Haylett	Dewey Price
Chairman	Aaron Wylie	
Resolutions Committee		
Three years	Bobby Simmons	
Chairman	J. C. Beal	
Stewardship Committee		
Three years	Hartwell Condrey	
Chairman	Hartwell Condrey	
Christian Life		
Three years	Darrell Bost	
Chairman	G. C. Wray	

EVANGELISM
John P. Smith

The Pastors' Evangelism Planbook 1977-79; EVANGELIZING AND CONGREGATIONALIZING has already been sent to all churches. It includes various emphases on The Evangelistic Church on Bold Mission. Additional information on this theme will be shared with pastors and church leaders.

"Bold in Creative Witness" was the theme of the 31st Statewide Evangelism Conference at the War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, during February 7-9, 1977. About 2,400 pastors and lay persons were present to hear the challenging messages of the evangelistic speakers.

Over 500 youth and adults came to the North Carolina Baptist Assembly for the Youth Ministry Week - June 13-17, and many different types of decisions for Christ were made public by youth. The emphasis was on youth evangelism, vocational guidance, and recreation.

About 12,000 youth, pastors, and adult leaders are planning to attend the 7th Statewide Youth Evangelism Night - August 19 - at the Greensboro Coliseum. Jim Wilson and Larry McFadden of Orlando, Florida were the guest preacher and soloist. All youth who make decisions for Christ are contacted by pastors and adults with regard to specific follow-up counseling.

Thirty-six churches across the state are having one week youth revivals and youth witness training under the direction of four Summer Youth Evangelism Teams. Let us rejoice in all the decisions for Christ made by youth.

Excellent reports have been received on Lay Renewal Weekends and Ministry Evangelism Weekends in various churches. The Division of Evangelism cooperates with the Brotherhood Department in this phase of the work.

Several thousand persons have attended evangelism clinics and conferences held in associations across the state. Good reports on revival meetings and city-wide crusades have been received.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Melvin D. Rabb

The Executive Committee met each month when a quorum was present. We received and reviewed the financial reports and the reports of the activities of the Director of Missions.

We voted to exclude the Coral Park Baptist Church from our fellowship.

We approved the application of Tim Cook of the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church for the Vocational Scholarship at Gardner-Webb College.

We approved the installation of an electric furnace in the basement of the Associational Building.

We approved the bid for painting the home of the Director of Missions.

We hired Douglas Felts as office custodian.

We voted to accept the resignation of Albert Helms as the Director of Sunday

School of the Association.

We elected Gerald Davis as Director of Sunday School of the Association.

We approved the purchase of a Dehumidifier for the basement of the Association Building.

We approved the purchase of a binding machine to be used by the Association.

We recommended to the Associational Board that the name of West Lincolnton Baptist Church, at their request, be erased from our roll and that this information be forwarded to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

We recommended to the Associational Board that all moneys in excess of $6,000.00 balance in the general operating fund as of September 30, 1977 be applied to the loan with First Federal Savings and Loan Association and be charged to loan repayment.

We had the financial records of the association audited. The audit shows our records and finances are in excellent condition.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Bob Hawley

ITEM	BUDGET 1976-1977	BUDGET 1977-78
Director of Missions Salary	$10,000.00	11,000.00
Car Allowance	2,700.00	3,000.00
Denominational Meetings	600.00	600.00
Retirement Plan	1,000.00	1,100.00
Hospital Insurance	745.00	733.00
Life Insurance	531.00	531.00
Home Utilities	1,100.00	1,200.00
Home Telephone	112.00	111.00
Home Upkeep & Repair	800.00	400.00
Office Supplies, Postage	1,400.00	1,500.00
Office Utilities	750.00	850.00
Office Telephone	350.00	350.00
Office Secretary	2,750.00	3,000.00
Janitor and Supplies	600.00	600.00
Building Maintenance	-	200.00
Christmas Bonuses	300.00	300.00
Insurance	346.00	390.00
Clerk	300.00	325.00
Treasurer	300.00	325.00
Annual Meeting	100.00	100.00
Social Security	746.00	847.00
Annuals	200.00	200.00
Loan Repayments	6,016.00	6,016.00
Sunday School	100.00	300.00
Church Training	100.00	100.00
W.M.U.	500.00	600.00
Brotherhood	100.00	200.00

Music	50.00	50.00
Audio-Visual Aids	100.00	100.00
Evangelism	100.00	100.00
Missions Committee	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00
Landscaping	-	1,500.00
Centennial Fund	-	2,000.00
TOTALS	$33,696.00	39,528.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS
Foyd Bennett

God is a missionary God. The Bible teaches us that God has a genuine interest in all people of the earth. Throughout the history of the world, God has been reaching out to humanity to save it. Missions began at the fall of man, and has continued through the ages. Almost 2,000 years ago our Lord told His disciples to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Matt. 28:19,20). This is the mission of every Christian.

Today Southern Baptist continue to take the lead in missionary outreach. This past year, Southern Baptist appointed or reappointed 268 missionaries for the foreign field. This is the results of much prayer and missionary education in our churches. The increase of financial support through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering provides essential reinforcement for continued growth in missionary personnel.

Missionaries have not only gone in increasing numbers to their fields, but have continued to demonstrate their highest qualities of Christian commitment while serving in distrubed areas. In such areas as Mozambique and Angola where it has been impossible for missionaries to remain. And in Uganda, Ethiopia and Rhodisia where tensions prevail. These areas need our fervent prayers.

Southern Baptist now have more than 2,700 missionaries in 84 countries. Through the efforts of the Baptist churches with which the Foreign Mission Board has cooperative relations resulted in growth from 7,584 churches and 896,063 members to 8, 017 churches and 906,542 members, with a total of 84,449 baptisms.

Let us respond to the challenge as Southern Baptist plans for a bold mission thrust throughout the remainder of this century. The challenge is to give the gospel to all the people in the world by the close of the century.

HISTORY
Mrs. Harmon James

BOGER CITY - Construction of a new sanctuary to cost $350,000.00 including remodeling of present buildings.
CEDAR GROVE - The church celebrated its 75th Birthday August 14, 1977.
FELLOWSHIP - Called Darrell Bost as pastor. Constructed and dedicated new parsonage.

FRIENDLY CHAPEL - Built new parsonage
HULL'S GROVE - Built new library and pastors' study.
LAWING'S CHAPEL - Held Homecoming Day in Fellowship Hall constructed in old sanctuary in October 1976.
MAIDEN, EAST - Building new Fellowship Hall.
MASSAPOAG - Celebrated our 25th Anniversary this year.
MOUNT ANDERSON - Bought 46 acres of land near the church.
MOUNT ZION - New carpet and tile in the pastorium and concrete patio poured. New robes for the adult choir. Study in church for the pastor. Called Ron Richardson as pastor.
NORTH BROOK - Dedication of new piano in Memorium of our deceased pastor Rev. Coy Dellinger.
OAK GROVE - September 25, 1977 dedication of new building containing Sunday School rooms and fellowship hall.
PEARL - Ordained Barry Devine as minister. Paid off church debt and held note burning. Purchased new church bus.
OLIVET - Called Thomas Haylett as Pastor.
RIVER VIEW - Pastor Appreciation Day. New well for church. Playground equipment. Voted to build new pastorium.

HOME MISSIONS
Donald Willis

America need to hear the gospel. To meet this great challenge the Home Mission Board has entered in a "BOLD MISSION THRUST!" There are two objectives in this Bold Mission. First, to Evangelize. This means giving every person the opportunity to hear the message of Christ. Then, after hearing, giving them the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. The second objective is to Congregationalize. This means after leading a person to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, that you provide him with the opportunity to share in the witness and ministry of a New Testament fellowship of believers. Certainly this is a "Bold Mission" and it's within our reach.

Bold Mission Thrust carries the commitment of 2,186 missionaries under appointment by the Home Mission Board and the 100 mission support staff in Atlanta. Bold Mission Thrust also calls for cooperation on all levels of Southern Baptist Convention life. But most of all it calls for renewed individual commitment by all Baptists. The time span of this emphasis will carry the concerted efforts and resources of the Home Mission Board into the 1980's.

We can make Bold Mission Thrust a reality by being faithful both in our prayers and our giving.

HOMES FOR THE AGING
Grady Bumgarner

The past year in your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging has been one of the fullest and most exciting in the twenty-six years that the Homes have been ministering!

Of keenest interest was the ground-breaking service for the new Western

North Carolina Baptist Homes, on the Pearson Estate on Richmond Hill, in Northwest Asheville, last October, when more than a thousand people from our Western North Carolina Baptist Churches, as well as many others throughout the State, were present. It was a thrilling moment indeed when Trustees, Staff, and Residents of the Homes, Pastors, and other Church Leaders latched on to ropes, attached to a huge bulldozer, pulled together and helped to move the first dirt at the site, heralding the beginning of the construction of your sixth Baptist Home for the Aging.

Another exciting venture is the construction of four duplex apartments at the site of the Hayes Home in Winston-Salem. These apartments will care for 16 additional persons and will be ready for occupancy in the fall of 1977. 66 more people will be served in our Baptist Homes family in the next two years.

Gifts from our Baptist people have been very encouraging during the past year through the Cooperative Program and through the third Sunday of February Offering. These sources supply 35% of the total budget of the Homes and are used continually to suppliement the care of the majority of the residents who cannot pay their full cost of care. They are love gifts indeed and are a life-line for those whose needs could not be met without them.

HOSPITAL
Harold King

The beautiful stained glass window in the front of Davis Chapel at Baptist Hospital has three large panels, each depicting an aspect of Christ's ministry: healing, teaching, and preaching. The window serves as a reminder to the staff that Baptist Hospital has also been commissioned to this three-fold task.

The hospital's primary task, obviously, is healing and it attempts to obtain and use the best personnel and equipment available for the healing task. The medical staff consists of competent, dedicated men and women in all the various specialties of medicine. Persons with rare and complicated medical problems are referred to Baptist Hospital by their family physicians for treatment. Last year 158,863 visits were made in the hospital's Outpatient Department and the Bowman Gray Department of Clinics. There were 22,365 admissions to the hospital for a total of 193,942 patient days. These patients came from 90 counties in North Carolina, from 29 other states and 3 foreign countries.

Baptist Hospital is also involved in teaching. In cooperation with the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, it helped to train 1, 188 students last year for careers in medicine and allied health fields. In addition, there were 87 graduate students in the basic sciences. The hospital also provided clinical facilities for 483 student nurses from 3 nearby schools of nursing and for 120 students in other allied schools. The School of Pastoral Care last year enrolled a total of 75 students in various levels of Clinical Pastoral Education.

The hospital also has a preaching ministry. There is preaching in the formal sense at least four times a week in the worship services held in

Davis Chapel. In a less formal sense, the Christian Gospel is proclaimed daily by staff, students, patients and others who witness to their faith in word and deed.

In all of these ministries, Baptist Hospital is mindful of its Christian heritage and its strong tie with the Baptist State Convention. This tie is maintained and strengthened through the services of capable, dedicated trustees who are elected by and are responsible to the Convention. The tie is also strengthened through the financial support from the churches. Mother's Day gifts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, were $411,225.56 compared to a toal of $405,946.52 for the preceding fiscal year.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Alvin L. Hoyle

Mission Funds

Balance - October 1, 1976			$3,931.44
Receipts:	Operating Budget	$600.00	
	Interest earned	228.86	828.86
Balance in Savings - September 30, 1977			$4,760.30

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
D. Harding Caldwell

Parliamentarian	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.
Historian	Mrs. Harmon James
Director of Library Services	Mrs. Reggie Deaton
Trustee, Chairman	J. M. Sherrill
Trustee	Bill Beard
Trustee	David Ross
Sunday School Director	Gerald Davis
V.B.S. Director	Robert A. Cantwell
Adult Director	Ronald Finger
Youth Director	Mrs. Shirley Long
Pre-school Director	Mrs. Lyn B. Owen
Children's Director	Mrs. Norma Keever
Church Training Director	
Brotherhood Director	Frank Hall
President Baptist Men	
R.A. Director	Larry Helton
Music Director	Larry W. Arnold

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

Three years	Mrs. Earl F. Armstrong	Mrs. Charles R. Estep

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

American Bible Society	-	Nathan L. May
Annuity Board	-	Charles N. Cranford

Baptist Foundation	-	Donald W. Ferrell
Children's Homes	-	J. W. Crouse
Christian Action League	-	B. J. Morris
Christian Education	-	Melvin D. Rabb
Christian Literature	-	James Calvin
Homes for the Aging	-	Darrell Bost
Hospital	-	Dewey Price
South Mountain Camp	-	Bob Hawley
Stewardship	-	Hartwell E. Condrey
Foreign Missions	-	Ron Richardson
Home Missions	-	Thomas Haylett
State Missions	-	Marvin Greenway

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP REPRESENTATIVES

Paul Crotts	Frank Hoyle	David Rhodes
Bob Hawley		Roy Houk

ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Fred A. Carpenter

We have examined and recommended for ordination the following:

Barry N. Divine from Pearl Church

Ted Turner from Antioch Church

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION
Joe Nations

Balance brought forward - October 1, 1976			$2,512.75
Receipts:	Maiden, First	$ 50.00	
	Darrell Saunders	50.00	
	Darrell Bost	360.00	
	Interest earned	121.31	581.31
Total			$3,094.06
Disbursements:			
	Dwight and Camilla Loomis		300.00
Balance in Savings - September 30, 1977			$2,794.06

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP
Paul Crotts

The Lord continues to work at S.M.B.C. He used our Staff of 30 to challenge campers who came. Our regular camps had 1,872 attending. Hundreds came in special groups or visited our services. 313 attended from your Association. 769 made some kind of decision for Christ.

Because of a strong emphasis on world missions and classes to teach campers to pray we had 1,050 staffers and campers to commit themselves to pray 15 minutes each day for world missions.

Our Staff, under the direction of Tom and Marsha Lineberger conducted services in a number of churches on weekends.

Several churches and memorial gifts have provided four new cottages and remodeled several cottages.

We are eternally grateful to churches and individuals who have the camp in their budget. Because of this we are able to keep the camp fee low that more campers may attend.

We owe $3,660.00 on the Chapel. We need to finish the ceiling and install the rest of the floor covering in the basement of the Chapel.

We are hoping to pave the road to the chapel and the church cottages and repair the old pavement.

We urge churches and individuals to help us to raise $10,000.00 to do this work.

STEWARDSHIP
G. C. Wray

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2)

We are stewards of all God's blessings entrusted to us, therefore we are to be faithful in our daily walk, talk and in all that we do, for the glory of the Lord. Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do - do it with thy might - as unto the Lord - not unto man.

If all our Church members were dedicated Christian stewards there wouldn't be a shortage of leadership in the local church or on the mission field. There would not be a shortage of funds to carry on the Lord's program at home or abroad. Notice the requirement of stewards - faithful. Not a one time giving - not a one time serving - but a continuing process - give - and serve as God blesses us.

Our emphasis from 1977-1979 is BOLD MISSION THRUST - Let the Church Reach Out. HOW? Through Bold Witnessing, Bold Commitment, Bold Teaching. In order to do this we must be Bold Givers. As we give through our church - to the Cooperative Program - to Special Mission Offerings - we can reach out to all the world. This is The Great Commission in Action.

"Now is the time to awake out of our sleep" for these are evil days which call for the very best of Christian stewards. We must be faithful because we will give an account of our stewardship to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, largest agency of the Southern

Baptist Convention, reported a very encouraging year according to board president Grady C. Cothen.

In the area of Sunday Schools, it was reported that 7,000 churches secured ACTION materials for use in Sunday School enrollment, while approximately 2,000 churches reported having conducted one or more ACTION campaigns. The number of new persons enrolled in a church ACTION campaign has consistently held at more than 100.

Sunday School enrollment for the 1975-76 year increased by 90,000. A major effort to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the Sunday School was launched in the spring of 1977, accompanied by the release of 31 new products to support the emphasis.

Christian Home Week activities, conferences and retreats related to family enrichment and special attention for single adults were the primary efforts related to the Support and Enrichment of Family Life (Family Ministry). Publication of a magazine for senior adults, Mature Living, was begun in April.

Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers reported a total of 88,650 guests registered during the year. Both conference centers now operate on a year-round basis.

In the Program of Book Store Operation, sales for the year were $32,395,419 which was $1,759,988 above budget and $3,685,708 above last year.

The 1975 Southern Baptist Convention statistics showed a 39 percent increase in church music enrollment reported by churches. The total number of persons enrolled in church music is 1,354,944, an increase of 50,876 over the 1974 enrollment.

The program of National Student Ministries reported that the number of campuses served by student ministries passed 1,000 by reaching a total of 1,026. More than 570 campuses still need a ministry. Of the 819 directors presently working in campus ministries, 338 are full time, 116 part-time and 365 are volunteers.

The present value of all property reported in the Southern Baptist Convention is $6,221,128,761, representing an increase of $606,222,358 over last year.

The number of church libraries registered with the church library department reached 22,216.

The Sunday School Board transferred a total of $394,480 to the Southern Baptist Convention for operating expense.

A total of $1,611,470 was provided through the Program of Cooperative Education and Promotion Work and State Conventions to provide funds to assist state conventions in the promotion of Sunday School, church training, church music, student, church administration, church architecture, church library and church recreation work.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mrs. J. E. Helms

Beginning balance - October 1, 1976			$4,566.44
RECEIPTS:	Church Contributions	$ 37,904.17	
	Mr. & Mrs. C. Blaine Sigmon	25.00	
	Annuals	787.50	
	N.C. Withholding Tax	364.08	
	N.C. Sales Tax Refund	102.60	39,183.35
TOTAL CASH			$43,749.79
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Director of Missions Salary	10,000.00	
	Car Allowance	2,700.00	
	Denominational Meetings	600.00	
	Retirement Plan	999.96	
	Hospital Insurance	686.76	
	Life Insurance	530.52	
	Home Utilities	1,013.97	
	Home Telephone	110.64	
	Home Upkeep & Repair	843.50	
	Office Supplies, Postage	1,405.73	
	Office Utilities	748.79	
	Office Telephone	334.91	
	Office Secretary	2,979.66	
	Janitor and Supplies	737.98	
	Building Maintenance	79.75	
	Christmas Bonuses	300.00	
	Insurance	345.60	
	Clerk	300.00	
	Treasurer	300.00	
	Annual Meeting	50.00	
	Social Security	745.88	
	Annuals	200.00	
	Loan Repayments	8,038.52	
	Sunday School	135.60	
	Church Training	55.87	
	W.M.U.	498.15	
	Audio-Visual Aids	30.84	
	Missions Committee	600.00	
	Miscellaneous	160.52	
	New Furnace	425.66	
	New Equipment	612.85	
	Press Printing Co.	741.20	
	N.C. Withholding Tax	364.08	37,676.94
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1977			$ 6,072.85
Summary of Cash:	Budget	6,000.00	
	Annuals	72.85	
			$ 6,072.85

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES
October 1, 1976-September 30, 1977

Amity	$ 1,396.00
Antioch	1,297.90
Bethel	360.00
Boger City	918.00
Calvary	1,000.00
Cedar Grove	450.00
Center View	381.00
Craig Memorial	1,553.68
Crouse	328.50
David Memorial	75.00
Faith	1,200.00
Fellowship	777.25
Friendly Chapel	863.58
Gainsville	1,382.58
Howard's Creek	200.00
Hudson Chapel	
Hull's Grove	1,271.57
Lawing's Chapel	633.42
Leonard's Fork	218.47
Lincoln Avenue	2,194.00
Lincolnton, First	1,800.00
Lincolnton, North	
Long Shoals	275.00
Macedonia	975.36
Maiden, East	920.00
Maiden, First	1,983.93
Massapoag	100.00
Mathis Chapel	
Mt. Anderson	1,200.00
Mt. Ruhama	1,904.00
Mt. Zion	600.00
Mountain View	1,300.00
New Hope	274.32
North Brook	550.00
Oak Grove	635.50
Olivet	624.26
Pearl	1,004.00
Piney Grove	469.92
Reepsville	1,500.00
River View	1,228.33
Roseland	182.00
Salem	1,000.00
Sharon	477.11
Southside	1,752.84
Temple	133.00
Westport	513.65
Total Receipts from churches	$37,904.17

TRUSTEES REPORT
J. M. Sherrill

ASSETS:	Office	$49,093.85	
	Home	30,000.00	
	Office Equipment	6,772.30	
	Cash - Checking	6,072.85	
	Savings	4,760.30	
Total Assets			$96,699.30
LIABILITIES:			
	Loan - First Federal Savings & Loan Asso.		25,180.73
NET RESOURCES			$71,518.57

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Mrs. Earl Arnstrong

The annual leadership conference for directors, leaders and assistants in Woman's Missionary Union took place on October 5, 1976 at Southside Baptist Church with excellent attendance from our association. All age-levels had good representation, and 23 WMU Directors were present.

Baptist Woman gathered for the annual banquet at Cross Country Campground on November 4, 1976, in the activity building. Mrs. Joy Keever, BW Director, presided at the meeting. The entire program was devoted to the theme title "Standing In HIS Strength." Mildred Brooks Snell, missionary to Indonesia was guest speaker and we gained a record-breaking attendance of approximately 310 Baptist Women.

On April 5, 1977 the annual meeting of South Fork WMU was held at Amity Baptist Church. Special emphases included "minding the future" and "grow a knowbody." Inspirational music was presented by Judy Dudley and Mrs. Hoyle Allred, 1st Vice President, North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union was guest speaker. Our program theme was "Let the Church Stand Up." A reception followed in the fellowship hall of Amity Church. Response was very good from our associational membership.

Several WMU members and associational leadership were able to attend the annual session of N. C. Woman's Missionary Union in Asheville, N.C. Throughout the year others have had opportunities to attend programs and meetings enriched by inspiration and learning experiences being received by everyone who was able to go.

In August 1977 our associational WMU was very fortunate to have representation at Ridgecrest Assembly during WMU training session. Every officer was present giving unanimous representation of our association.

Many special activities were planned throughout the associational year including foreign missions, home missions, state missions, Heck-Jones and associational missions, with prayer retreats, mission studies, mission support and mission action activities planned especially for you. Your WMU officers are indeed grateful for your continuing support

and interest in Woman's Missionary Union with your attendance and prayers which we covet each new church year. May you continue to "Know" and to "Grow" toward an even more successful year in 1977-78.

As I conclude the three years of service which I have given to South Fork Association as WMU Director, I must say a very special thanks to everyone who participated and were so supportive with your consideration and kindness. The blessings and rewards that have come to me from knowing you will be cherished by me for many years to come. May God bless you richly in your future efforts to make Woman's Missionary Union a steadfast hope in the realm of the Kingdom of God.

WMU OFFICERS - 1977-78

Mrs. Carolyn Baker, W.M.U. Director
Asst. Director (remains vacant)
Mrs. Helen Harrill, Secretary & Treasurer
Mrs. Joy Keever, Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Betty Setzer, Assistant BW Director
Mrs. Millie Clark, Baptist Young Women's Director
Assistant BYW Director (We regret Mrs. Lois Walters has resigned)
Mrs. Shirley Alexander, Acteens Director
Mrs. Virginia Woodruff, Assistant Acteens Director
Mrs. Dot Calvin, Girls In Action, Director
Mrs. Jerry McCall, Assistant GA Director
Mrs. Betty Gilleland, Mission Friends Director
Mrs. Beth Yarborough, Assistant Mission Friends Director

PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

AMITY
- Mr. Horace Miller
- Mr. William Ransford

ANTIOCH
- Mrs. Cora Shrum
- Mrs. Maude Moles

BETHEL
- Mr. Marshall Huss
- Mr. Fred Leatherman
- Mr. Lee Mull
- Mrs. Vickey Potts Spake

BOGER CITY
- Mr. James Henry Hartman
- Mrs. Beatrice Featherstone Hovis
- Mrs. Ruby Lawing Rhyne
- Mrs. Willard Story

CALVARY
- Mr. John Houk
- Mr. Rufus Lineberger
- Mrs. Effie Sisk

CEDAR GROVE
- Mrs. Bell Beard
- Mrs. Della Bost
- Deacon Elgin Withers

CENTER VIEW
- Mrs. Alda Laney
- Mr. A. B. Turbyfill
- Mrs. A. B. Turbyfill

FELLOWSHIP
- Mr. Alton Walker

FRIENDLY CHAPEL
- Mr. Ricky Johnson
- Mrs. Lula Poole

GAINSVILLE
- Mr. Marshall F. Houser
- Mrs. Ruth Kiser

HUDSON CHAPEL
- Mr. Fred Stewart

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Deacon J. R. Lazenby
Mrs. Floyd (Ocie) Sipe

LEONARD'S FORK
Mr. Judson Black

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mr. William Bost
Mr. Clyde J. Eaker
Mrs. Bertha Jones
Mr. Baylus Link
Mrs. Baylus Link
Deacon Alvin Sain
Mr. Jim Touhy
Mr. Russell Walker

LINCOLNTON, FIRST
Mrs. Pat Buckley, Jr.
Deacon Alonzo Burris
Mr. R. G. Carter
Mr. James C. Kiser
Mrs. D. Ward Milam
Mrs. Nora Weeks
Mrs. Eva Whisnant

LONG SHOALS
Mr. Russell Huffstetler
Mrs. Josie Rash

MACEDONIA
Mrs. Louella Perkins
Mr. Worth Perkins

MAIDEN, EAST
Mrs. W. E. Abernathy
Mrs. Paul Robertson
Mrs. Eva Yoder

MAIDEN, FIRST
Mr. Vance Caldwell
Mrs. Mabel Clark
Mr. C. E. Dagenhardt
Mrs. Zelda Harbinson
Mr. Floyd Parker
Mrs. Lena Hefner Smith
Mrs. Grover Taylor, Sr.
Mrs. Florence Wilkinson

MOUNT ANDERSON
Mr. Roby Holbrook

MOUNT RUHAMA
Mr. John Wesley Bean
Deacon Edgar Manning Bell
Mr. Johnnie Luther Campbell
Mrs. Bessie C. Goodson

MOUNT ZION
Mrs. Minnie McClure

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mrs. Grace Withers Caldwell
Mr. Dorce Drum
Mrs. Mae Moore Shuford

OAK GROVE
Mrs. Ila B. Wilson

PEARL
Mr. W. F. Arrowood
Mr. Weaver Cagle

PINEY GROVE
Mrs. Annie Drum Snyder

REEPSVILLE
Mr. Will Ledford
Miss Vickie Mahala
Mrs. Essie Scronce

RIVER VIEW
Mr. George S. Caldwell
Mrs. Gertie Coffey Grigg
Miss Anna Poovey

SALEM
Mr. J. L. Kistler
Mr. Loy Plonk
Mrs. J. A. Rayfield

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. Lloyd Caldwell
Mr. Wright Johnson
Mrs. Noah Turner

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1976*	1977**	Gain or Loss
Total Baptisms	392	254	(138)
Additions by letter, etc.	377	232	(145)
Total Membership	13,040	12,722	(318)
S.S. Enrollment	9,071	8,628	(443)
V.B.S. Enrollment	4,067	3,785	(282)
C. T. Enrollment	2,458	2,231	(227)
W.M.U. Enrollment	2,313	2,334	21
Brotherhood Enrollment	1,329	1,219	(110)
Church Music Enrollment	1,958	1,716	(242)
Total Receipts	$2,231,596	2,222,112	(9,484)
Cooperative Program Gifts	185,861	188,925	3,064
Total Mission Gifts	355,975	376,836	20,861

*1976 is based on 43 of 48 churches

**1977 is based on 41 of 46 churches

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

(Tentative)

1978

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	2- 6	BIBLE STUDY WEEK (Exodus)
	8	SOUL-WINNING COMMITMENT DAY
	9	*Pastors' Conference*
	10	*Pastors' Wives*
		W.M.U. Council
	13-14	HOME MISSION TEACHER TRAINING, CARAWAY
	16	*B.Y.W. Covered Dish*
	17	*Associational Council*
	22	BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
	28	LAY WITNESSING ANNUAL MEETING, CARAWAY
FEBRUARY	5	BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY
	6- 7	STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE, GREENSBORO
	9	CHURCH TRAINING "DEVELOPING" BOOKS
	11	*G. A. Mother-Daughter Valentine Banquet*
	12	RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY
	12-18	W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK
	13	*Pastors' Conference*
	14	*Pastors' Wives*
	19-22	HOME MISSION STUDY
	21	*Home Mission Study - All Ages - Associational Wide*
	24-26	BAPTIST MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
		HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' RETREAT, CARAWAY
	28	*Evangelism Conference*
MARCH	3	*B.Y.W. Banquet*
	3- 4	DAY CAMP WORKSHOP, MUNDO VISTA
	5-12	HOME MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING
	6- 7	RURAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	9-10	V.B.S. CLINIC, RIDGECREST
	12	HOME MISSIONS DAY
	12-19	YOUTH WEEK
	13	*Pastors' Conference*
	14	*Pastors' Wives*
	17-18	PIONEER R. A. CONGRESS, GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE
	18	*Youth Night*
	21	*Associational Board*
	21-22	MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE
	26	EASTER
APRIL	2	*Gardner-Webb Ministerial Day*
	4	*W.M.U. Annual Meeting*
	8	WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION WORKSHOP
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
		V.B.S. Clinic

APRIL (cont'd)	10-12	NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PREACHING, CHARLOTTE
	10-16	JEWISH FELLOWSHIP WEEK
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
		W.M.U. Council
	14-15	DAY CAMP WORKSHOP, HICKORY
		AMERICAN CAMPCRAFT WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
		MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY CONFERENCE, RALEIGH
		ADULT CREATIVE TEACHING/LEARNING WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	16	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM DAY
	17-19	BAPTIST MUSIC CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	17-21	BAPTIST DOCTRINE WEEK
	18	*Associational Council*
	21-22	R. A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	21-23	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
	22	BAPTIST MEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
	23	LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY
	28-29	R. A. CAMP, CARAWAY
		YOUTH CONVENTION, GREENSBORO
	28-30	BAPTIST Y. M.'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
		FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
MAY	4	*Acteens' Banquet*
	7-14	CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK
	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	9	*Pastors' Wives*
	14	MOTHERS' DAY OFFERING
	15-17	ASSOCIATIONAL TRAINING, RIDGECREST
	19-20	STATE R.A. TRACT MEET
	21	BAPTIST RADIO AND TELEVISION SUNDAY
	22-23	SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	22-28	ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK
	26-27	STATE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	27	*B.Y.W. Prayer Retreat*
		CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL, FRUITLAND
JUNE	3	CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL, CARAWAY
	11	RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUNDAY
	11-12	W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING, ATLANTA
	13-15	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, ATLANTA
	18	BAPTIST COLLEGE DAY
	19	*Pastors' Conference*
	20	*Associational Board*
JULY	2	CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SUNDAY
	3- 7	WEEK OF STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP, MARS HILL COLLEGE
	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
	9	CHRISTIAN LITERATURE DAY
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	18	*Associational Council*

AUGUST	2	WORLD HUNGER DAY
	5-11	W.M.U. WEEK AT RIDGECREST
	12	*Associational G. A. Prayer Retreat*
	13	LANGUAGE MISSIONS DAY
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	15	*W.M.U. Council*
	18	YOUTH EVANGELISM NIGHT, GREENSBORO
	20-27	CHURCH MUSIC WEEK
	27	ON-TO-COLLEGE SUNDAY
	28	*Church Clerks' Workshop*
	29	*Church Clerks' Workshop*
SEPTEMBER	3- 9	BROTHERHOOD LEADERSHIP WEEK
	4	LABOR DAY
	8- 9	BROTHERHOOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT, CARAWAY
	11	*Pastors' Conference*
	12	*Pastors' Wives*
		W.M.U. Leadership Conference
		SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP NIGHT
	15-16	VOLUNTEER MUSIC DIRECTORS' RETREAT, CARAWAY
	19	*Associational Board*
		CHURCH BUILDING PLANNING CONFERENCE, ASHEVILLE
	21-22	C.T. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS WORKSHOP, RIDGECREST
	22-24	BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
	24-October 1	SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION WEEK
	25-26	METHODS & MATERIALS CLINICS, HICKORY
OCTOBER	6- 7	S.S. LEADERSHIP TRAINING, CARAWAY
	9	*Pastors' Conference*
	10	*Pastors' Wives*
	13-14	S.S. LEADERSHIP TRAINING, RIDGECREST
		CRUSADER R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	17	*Annual Meeting*
	18	*Annual Meeting*
	23-28	RECREATION METHODS & MATERIALS CLINICS
	27-28	PIONEER R.A. OFFICERS' WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	29-31	*Centennial Evangelistic Witness*
NOVEMBER	1- 3	*Centennial Evangelistic Witness*
	5-11	R. A. WEEK
	9	*W.M.U. Banquet*
	12	AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY DAY
	13-15	BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, RALEIGH
	17-18	CRUSADER R.A. CONGRESS
	19	CHILD CARE DAY
	19-22	FOREIGN MISSIONS STUDY
	22	*Centennial Celebration*
	23	THANKSGIVING DAY
		Centennial Celebration
	24	*G. A. Centennial*
	27	*"M" Night*

DECEMBER	3-10	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS AND LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
	10	FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY
	11	*Pastors' Conference*
	12	*Pastors' Wives*
	19	*Associational Board*
	25	CHRISTMAS
	31	STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS

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REPORTS FOR THE 1978 SESSION

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
Nathan L. May

1977 was the year in which more people were reached with God's Word than ever before in Bible Society history.

Since its founding in 1816, the only goal of the American Bible Society has been to translate, produce, and distribute the Scriptures to people everywhere in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford. In this effort to "Let the Word Speak" to all people, the ABS, and its partners in the United Bible Societies, distributed for the first time in a single year over 400,000,000 Scriptures in 150 countries!

In 1946 the American Bible Society published its first Scripture Selection, the Sermon on the Mount. Scripture Selections have since become the "seeds" of the Society. Because of their relatively low cost they could be shared more widely than New Testaments or Bibles. Once planted in the heart of the reader, the seed could then grow through Portions, the New Testament, and eventually, the complete Bible.

Distribution of complete Bibles in the United States followed the pattern set by the rest of the world, increasing in one year from 1,142,842 in 1976 to 2,601,198 in 1977. Much of this success was due to the appearance in December 1976 of the Good News Bible, which in less than one year reached a world-wide circulation of five million copies. Total Scripture distribution (114,283,716) throughout the United States was down slightly from 1976.

Distribution opportunities for complete Bibles and New Testaments are limited in many areas of the world because the level of literacy is so low. The Bible Society's answer to this problem is the GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS program, where those just beginning to read can discover God's Word through a graded series of Scripture Selections in a language and format they can easily read and understand.

By the end of 1977 New Reader translations of the Scriptures had been undertaken in 328 languages, an increase of 42 languages over 1976. Sixteen of these languages now have New Reader Scriptures available in four of the graded series (A, B, C, and D), an increase of 11 languages during 1977. Series A was published in 46 additional languages, Series B in 29, and Series C in 26.

During the year three new countries--Greece, Liberia, and Senegal--were added to the list of nations in which New Reader programs have been started.

By the time the new reader has completed a full series in his language, it is anticipated that he will be at a reading level which will make reading a common language New Testament possible.

The Bible Society asks for your continued prayers so that together with the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention and all willing Christians everywhere, our combined efforts to bring His Word to all those who are in desperate need of it will be blessed by God.

ANNUITY BOARD
Charles N. Cranford

The year 1977 was one of contrasts for the Annuity Board.

While the Board grew markedly in new retirement and insurance accounts, investment earnings suffered due to poor stock market performance.

The year also represented a period of strong demands which resulted from servicing needs of new accounts, a complex asset allocation process, implementation of a new church retirement program and accounting responsibilities of new investment funds.

Key statistics in 1977 included:

1. A permanent 8.33 percent increase in most annuitants' check. The increase was retroactive to January 1.

2. A total of $19,085,316 paid in retirement and protection benefits. Insurance benefits through church, agency and seminarian programs exceeded $12 million.

3. The enrollment of 545 new churches in the basic retirement plan. New pastors and church employees in Plan A numbered 2,169, and 3,000 members upgraded their program.

Plan A members increased from 27,598 in 1976 to 29,142 in 1977. Enrollment in Plan B rose from 25,412 to 33,062, but Plan C's membership dipped from 5,987 the previous year to 4,885 for the year ended.

In 1977, premium income totaled $45,603,942 - including relief. Total assets climbed to $498,977,661, compared with $473,142,631 a year earlier.

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS, 1978

Retirement Plans	Total Members	Insurance	
Plan A (church-agencies) - Family Benefit -	29,142	**Health Insurance	18,043
Plan B (church-agencies) - Age Security -	33,062	Group Life (church)	10,489
Plan C (church-agencies) - Variable Fund -	4,885	Group Life (agencies)	14,343
Total Benefits Paid - retirement and protection -	$19,085,316	*Life Benefit Plan	2,892
Relief Benefits	$324,096	*Closed to new members	
Relief Recipients	427	**Includes students, churches, agencies	

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
Charles H. Ingle

1. We approved Jim Collette as Training Union Director for the Association.

2. We approved Foyd Bennett as instructor for the Luther Rice Seminary extension.

3. We approved a Search Committee to secure a new Director of Missions.

4. We approved an addition to the Director of Missions job description concerning tenure of service as supply pastor. "shall be limited to any continuous supply to a time of twelve (12) weeks in any one church."

5. We voted to relieve the Director of Missions of his duties as of Thanksgiving with pay through December 31, 1978.

6. We adopted the Proposed Budget for 1978-79.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Charles Moseley

A survey in several counties representative of the cross-section of our state has provided interesting information regarding the seriousness, or lack of seriousness, to which stewardship of estates is considered. Court records and wills were carefully studied in these counties to determine the disposition of possessions for a specific time. Facts revealed were:

1. 30% of the decedents died without a written will.

2. Very little was provided for the church or any charitable cause through the wills that were probated (Six-tenths of one percent was given to all charitable causes and only 65 one-thousandths of one percent was left to all Baptist causes.).

3. 45% of all assets were left either to husbands or wives, 37% of all assets were left to children by parents, and 27% was left to grandchildren or other persons.

4. Projected to a statewide basis for one year, two-thirds of one billion dollars is left in estates each year.

5. Based on resident Baptist population in the state, a tithe of the estates of Baptists that die each year would provide in excess of $10,000,000 additional dollars annually to the support of Christian missions and ministries carried on by our churches and denomination.

Baptists who believe in Bold Mission endeavors will:

1. prepare a will or have their will updated;

2. provide for their church pledges and commitments to be fulfilled through their will;

3. seriously consider a tithe of their estates to a Christian cause.

An excellent example to follow is that set by two members of one church in the mountain area of North Carolina. They have willed their possessions to the North Carolina Baptist Foundation as Trustee. Ten percent of each estate will go back to their church and 90% in trust will be paid annually to the Cooperative Program through their church - an amount equal to the entire church contribution to the Cooperative Program in 1977. (And this was a substantial amount.) These two persons through their wills will double the church gifts to missions.

During 1977-78 fiscal year, the Foundation has received $198,139 in additions to the trust funds being held. Twenty-seven new trusts were established.

CHILDREN'S HOMES
J. W. Crouse

The programs, services and facilities of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina are being utilized well for the care of children and in providing assistance to families that need our help. North Carolina Baptists and other friends continue to support this ministry through personal involvement, prayer and financial support. It is the purpose of the Homes to provide quality care and to be worthy of the faith and confidence of our many friends and supporters.

Requests are coming to the Homes from various sections of the state for additional community-based services (such as, emergency care and group homes). This is a wholesome trend in child care. Children can best be served and families strengthened when care can be provided reasonably close to a child's home. Our homes have been moving in that direction for several years. We will respond to additional requests for programs and services as financial resources permit.

North Carolina Baptists have reason to be pleased with work that is currently in progress throughout North Carolina. In the piedmont area, Mills Home, foster home services, emergency care at Burlington and Charlotte, the high adventure program at Wall Home, the Child Development Center on the Mills Home campus, programs of crisis intervention, counseling, and family education fill a particular need in this area of the State.

We are in constant need of well qualified staff. This is particularly true of cottage parents and foster home parents. Join us in prayer that God will impress upon sufficient numbers of prospective workers that child care is a Christian vocation and that it affords wonderful opportunities for service.

We are deeply grateful for support of the Children's Homes which comes from our churches through the Cooperative Program, special gifts and the traditional Thanksgiving offering.

The forthcoming Thanksgiving offering is extremely important. This will be the last time that our people will have the challenge of making an over and above offering to the Children's Homes at Thanksgiving time. As a part of the Bold Missions thrust, the Thanksgiving offering for the Children's Homes in 1979 will become a part of the North Carolina Baptist State Missions offering to be received each September thereafter.

To bridge the transitional gap next year, our trustees have set a goal of $1,000,000 (one million dollars) through the 1978 Thanksgiving offering. We are dependent upon our friends for financial support sufficient to carry on this ministry.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
B. J. Morris

The N. C. Christian Action League has had a very active year. Following a vote which defeated the Liquor-By-The-Drink Bill on Wednesday, June 7th (61-56), in the House of Representatives, one Representative, Mr. Jack Pugh of Asheboro, who had voted against the Bill asked for a chance to reconsider on the following day. Then under heavy pressure from the lobbyists other Representatives were not present for the vote and the bill carried (57-56). This was sent back to the Senate where they approved the amendments and local option on Liquor-By-The-Drink became lawful. We feel that this is very deplorable because the people of our State spoke loudly and plainly on this matter at the polls in 1973. We do not believe that they have changed their minds.

Now the attention has been shifted from the Halls of the General Assembly to the local areas across the State. There are 43 counties and almost 100 cities and towns with A. B. C. systems. This means that we could be facing this many "Brush Fire" elections in the near future.

The Executive Committee of the N. C. Christian Action League met on June 27th, in Greensboro to map strategies for the inevitable battles ahead. Recommendations by the GOOD GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE were approved.

1. That we authorize loans which are to be used for "seed-money" to assist local organizations to make immediate commitments and to act in helping to raise the funds that are needed for the local campaigns.

2. That we make our Associate Director, Rev. Coy Privette, be made available to any local campaign at the expense of the League.

3. That Editor Marse Grant be asked to write each subscriber of the Biblical Recorder requesting a contribution to fight L.B.T.D. and that every local church be asked to put the C.A.L. in their annual budget or to receive a special offering this year.

We would express our sincere appreciation to the Baptists of North Carolina for their moral and financial support of the North Carolina Christian Action League in the past. We are depending upon you who have strong convictions against the increased distribution, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages in N. C. and against obscenity and pornography to continue to support the League this year by planning this in your annual budget or receiving a special offering for these purposes.

NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR ELECTED

A new Associate Director, Rev. Coy L. Privette of Kannapolis, N. C. has been elected and is currently serving on a part-time salary basis. This is expected to add much leadership strength to the league and he is expected to become our Executive Director upon the retirement of Dr. D. P. McFarland.

OBSCENITY AND PORNOGRAPHY

Strong action is currently under way in the battle against obscenity and pornography in our State. A federal judge in Raleigh ruled "that a statute passed in 1977 by the North Carolina General Assembly which would define and curb pornographic materials in N. C. violates the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States." Senator I. Beverly Lake will argue this

for the North Carolina Attorney General before the fourth Circuit Court in Richmond, Virginia, this fall. Let us pray for his success.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Melvin D. Rabb

Baptists of North Carolina believe in higher education. At present we support and operate, through elected trustees, six colleges and one university: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wingate and Wake Forest University. All of these were not begun by the Convention. Their founders, however, were Baptists who saw the need for Christian higher education. Through these seven institutions Christian higher education has been taught for a total of 729 years. During the 1977-78 academic year, the full-time enrollment of students was 13,000. If we add summer school and special students more than 19,000 students were studying in our colleges.

What is Christian education? "Christian education is education under Christian auspices for Christian ends." A Christian college then is a college founded, maintained and conducted by Christian people in the service of the Kingdom of God.

Our Christian colleges want our children as students! All the schools have pledged to assist needy students with financial aid. They do, however, request that students needing aid make their request known as early as possible. Aid is available through grants, loans, scholarships and work scholarships.

Our colleges and university have stated that they are grateful for the financial support the Baptists make through the Cooperative Program.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
G. C. Wray

The Christian Life Council is comprised of twenty persons elected by the State Convention. These persons give overall leadership to the Council's staff.

A number of moral concerns were addressed by the Council in 1978. Family relationships continue to be a high priority. Opportunities such as marriage enrichment retreats, a workshop on parenting, single adult emphasis, and minister-wife retreats were conducted by the Council. Various materials dealing with family life were produced and distributed. Strengthening the Christian home is essential to the welfare of our nation and churches and the Christian Life Council is committed to that task.

Much energy was spent working for the defeat of the liquor by the drink bill. Over 125,000 flyers were distributed to North Carolina Baptists. While the efforts of Baptists did not defeat the bill, our efforts did result in a better bill being passed than the one originally proposed.

Another concern of the Council is television and its impact upon the morals of our people. Over 60,000 copies of "The Grabber", a pamphlet dealing with the use and abuse of television, were distributed upon request. Unless Baptists learn to control television, it will control them by occupying their thoughts and time.

World Hunger is an issue which haunts all of us. The Council has printed and is distributing thousands of tracts which offer practical suggestions for Baptists on how to respond to world hunger. August 2 is World Hunger Day among

Southern Baptists and the Council attempted to help Baptists be aware of this emphasis.

On several occasions Jesus stated that His disciples were to reflect their faith in Him through their lifestyles. Discovering the will and the way of Jesus is what the Council seeks to do.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
James Calvin

Think about it for a minute. What if there were no BIBLICAL RECORDER? What means of communication would keep our Baptist people together in the state? What if we had to depend entirely on the secular news media?

These are questions that should not be taken lightly. Thanks to the wisdom and foresight of Baptist leaders back in 1833, the BIBLICAL RECORDER has been on the scene for 145 years serving North Carolina Baptists.

One of the most important jobs of the BIBLICAL RECORDER is to keep members of Baptist churches informed about what's going on in our denomination, not only here in North Carolina but around the world. When people know, they respond more quickly and in a more cooperative and generous manner.

In that connection, there's one more question: Does the RECORDER pay? Recently the RECORDER published a list of 50 churches which had the best per-capita giving to the Cooperative Program. Forty nine of the 50 had a good RECORDER club, many of them sending the RECORDER to every resident family. The BIBLICAL RECORDER had a part in helping these congregations see the importance of supporting Baptist causes.

More than 1,100 churches provide their families with the RECORDER through the church budget at a cost of only 6¢ a week. Everyone benefits when the RECORDER goes into every home.

The price of the RECORDER remains reasonable, despite tremendous increases in postage, paper and printing. If your church plans to put the RECORDER in the budget, it should do so this year and thus save money because a price increase is likely.

With the dripping wet news media in North Carolina, our Baptist people must depend on the RECORDER for information about such matters as liquor by the drink. This is only one reason for every church to have a good RECORDER club or put it in the budget.

Woodrow W. Hill, assistant editor and field representative for the past seven years, reached retirement age this past year but has agreed to continue to help the RECORDER in associations and churches. He is loved by people all over the state and we are glad that he will continue to be identified with the RECORDER when needed for special assignments.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Winfred Turner

Executive Committee		
Three years	Charles N. Cranford	Elliott Loftin
Chairman	J. E. Helms	
Finance Committee		
Two years	F. Ray Rummage	
Three years	Melvin D. Rabb	Mrs. Richard Keever
Chairman	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.	
Missions Committee		
Three years	Dewey Crouse, Jr.	Mrs. Leonard Wright
Chairman	Ron Richardson	
Nominating Committee		
Three years	J. W. Crouse	Mrs. Earl Armstrong
Chairman	B. J. Morris	
Program Committee		
Two years	Fred A. Carpenter	
Three years	Albert C. Helms, Jr.	Mrs. William R. Walters
Chairman	Foyd Bennett	
Evangelism Committee		
Three years	Flint Hovis	
Chairman	Charles Moseley	
Ordination Committee		
Three years	Walter Adams	W. W. Black
Chairman	Dewey Price, Jr.	
Resolutions Committee		
Three years	Alvin Hoyle	
Chairman	Blair Wilkinson	
Stewardship Committee		
Three years	Robert Lukach	
Chairman	Hartwell Condrey	
Christian Life		
Three years	Mrs. Bobby Baker	
Chairman	Mrs. Bobby Baker	

EVANGELISM
John P. Smith

A significant goal in Bold Missions is to encourage every church to double baptisms by 1982 or sooner. Christians need to lead unsaved persons to make genuine commitments to Christ and to guide them in their spiritual development. Pastors and church leaders can use the notebook - Bold Evangelism Through the Local Church - to plan and develop an ongoing program of evangelism. Free notebooks will be available and training sessions will be held in associational evangelism clinics across the state.

"The Evangelistic Church on Bold Mission" was the theme of the 32nd Statewide Evangelism Conference at the War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, during February 6-7, 1978. Evangelistic speakers challenged about 2,400 pastors and lay persons to involve church members in bold evangelism.

Four summer youth evangelism teams preached in one week youth revivals and directed youth witness training in many churches across the state. One of these teams led youth revivals in nine churches in Maryland in a joint Bold Mission effort. Genuine decisions for Christ were made by many youth.

Over 900 youth and adults attended the largest Youth Ministry Week during July 3-8 at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly. All persons participated in specific witness training sessions. The emphasis also included vocational guidance and recreation.

About 12,500 youth, pastors, and adult leaders were expected for the 8th Statewide Youth Evangelism Night - August 18 - at Greensboro Coliseum. Bill Hogue, Director, Evangelism Section, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, was the preacher; Richard and Judy Bradford, Albuquerque, New Mexico, were the soloists, and other youth shared on the program. Follow-up work is always assigned to pastors with all youth who make decisions.

Churches are encouraged to become more involved in Renewal Evangelism. The Division of Evangelism cooperates with the Brotherhood Department in this phase of the work.

Sixty-eight associations have participated in one week Lay Evangelism Schools in recent years with 15,000 youth and adults receiving lay witness training from 1,245 churches. Consistent witnessing to non-Christians is essential.

Youth Evangelism Strategy can help associations and churches train their youth in witnessing to the unsaved and in personal discipleship. Also, YES equips adults to work with youth in evangelism.

Excellent reports on revival meetings, city-wide crusades, and associational evangelism clinics have been received. There has been a good response to associational youth evangelism emphases.

The 33rd Statewide Evangelism Conference will be held at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville, on February 5-6, 1979.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Harold L. Brown

The Executive Committee has met each month and carried out it's responsibilities according to it's directives from the association.

On December 13, 1977, we appointed Jim Collette as Church Training Director for the Association. We appointed Foyd Bennett instructor for the Extension Course this year. December 1977 the present Director of Missions-Jim McQuere-announced his plans to retire on December 30, 1978. This was received as information at this time.

At the January 1978 meeting the committee sought the leadership of the Lord in prayer concerning the appointing of a Search Committee to seek a successor to our present Director of Missions. In the February meeting it was agreed by the members present to hold a special meeting prior to our next

regular Executive Committee meeting for the express purpose of expediting this commitment.

On March 7, 1978, the Special Executive Committee Meeting was held with these members present--Harold Brown, John Clark, J. E. Helms, Charles Ingle, Elliott Loftin, and Blair Wilkinson the following were absent--Jim Collette, Paul Crotts, Jim McQuere, Don Willis. The Job Description was reviewed in it's entirety by the committee. The Executive Committee then voted to recommend the following to the General Board to serve as a Search Committee to aid in the securing of a new Director of Missions. Rev. Harold L. Brown, Chairman; Rev. Daniel Featherstone; Rev. Loyd Spencer; Rev. Fred Carpenter; Robert Wise; Bob Jetton; and Paul Hilton (alternate). This committee shall make all recommendations and report to the Executive Committee of the Association. The General Board expanded this committee.

The motion was made and carried to present a recommendation to sell the property in Maiden.

The Executive Committee discussed the previous action taken by the General Board which met at the Bethel Baptist Church concerning the property at Maiden. It was decided to wait until the next meeting to do anything to try to correct the issue.

Larry Arnold, Associational Music Director, resigned. Mrs. Rita Felts resigned as office secretary. We voted to employ Mrs. Brenda Dellinger as office secretary. April 1978.

May 1978. We voted to grant Pastoral Aid to J. W. Crouse at the Roseland Baptist Church. The committee once again discussed the Director's home in Maiden and decided to present a motion at the next Board meeting to reconsider the action previously presented to them.

June, 1978. The Executive Committee approved the application of Daniel Parker, Riverview Baptist Church, for a Christian vocation scholarship at Gardner-Webb College.

July, 1978. The Committee appointed Foyd Bennett as Director of the Luther Rice Seminary Extension Center.

August, 1978. The Committee approved the application of Dewey Crouse, Jr. for a vocational scholarship at Gardner-Webb College.

September, 1978. The Committee endorsed the recommendation of the Search Committee that one additional sentence be added to the Director of Missions Job Description.

The Committee voted to install an aluminum storm door on the front of the Associational Office building. We also voted to authorize the Director of Missions to secure whatever part-time help he needed to carry on the work of the office for the next couple of months. The Committee was informed of Brother Paul Crotts severe heart attack and they carried him to the Lord in prayer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Budget 1978-79

	BUDGET 1978	PROPOSED BUDGET
Director of Missions Salary	$11,000.00	$12,000.00
Car Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00
Denominational Meetings	600.00	800.00
Retirement Plan	1,100.00	1,200.00
Hospital Insurance	733.00	900.00
Life Insurance	531.00	531.00
Home Utilities	1,200.00	1,500.00
Home Telephone	111.00	120.00
Home Upkeep & Repair	400.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage	1,500.00	1,650.00
Office Utilities	850.00	1,000.00
Office Telephone	350.00	350.00
Office Secretary	3,000.00	3,300.00
Janitor and Supplies	600.00	1,500.00
Building Maintenance	200.00	200.00
Christmas Bonuses	300.00	300.00
Insurance	390.00	450.00
Clerk	325.00	350.00
Treasurer	325.00	350.00
Annual Meeting	100.00	250.00
Social Security	847.00	1,000.00
Annuals	200.00	300.00
Loan Repayments	6,016.00	6,016.00
Sunday School	300.00	300.00
Church Training	100.00	100.00
W.M.U.	600.00	700.00
Brotherhood	200.00	200.00
Music	50.00	50.00
Audio-Visual Aids	100.00	100.00
Evangelism	100.00	100.00
Missions Committee	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	5,000.00
Landscaping	1,500.00	-
Centennial Fund	2,000.00	-
	$39,528.00	$45,217.00

HISTORY
Mrs. Harmon James

BETHEL - Paved parking lot; air-conditioned building; bricked fellowship hall and added patio; built 2 signs, rearranged and added flowers and shrubs to grounds.
BOGER CITY - Dedication of new sanctuary and office complex. Landscaping of church property.
LINCOLN AVENUE - Dedication of church cabin built at South Mountain Baptist Camp June 4, 1978.
MAIDEN, EAST - Dedication of new fellowship hall in memory of Rev. L. R. Williams.
MT. ANDERSON - Installed sound system.
MT. ZION - Remodeled Pastorium.
NEW HOPE - Moved into new church building.
OLIVET - Building new parsonage.
PEARL - Called Youth Minister. Miss Debora Mull is called to be a missionary.
RIVERVIEW - Built new pastorium.

HOMES FOR THE AGING
Darrell Bost

North Carolina Baptists have the following Baptist Homes for the Aging:

1. Resthaven, located in Winston-Salem, with space for 16 residents;

2. The Hayes Home and the Nursing Care Unit, in Winston-Salem with space for 46 residents, and 79 patients. The Nursing Care Unit serves all five of our Homes, and will serve the Western North Carolina Baptist Home. Patients are transferred to this nursing facility when long-term nursing care is needed, either for Intermediate Nursing Care, or Skilled Nursing Care.

There is also a duplex apartment complex at the site of the Hayes Home in Winston-Salem, with a space for 120 people.

3. The Albemarle Home, in Albemarle with space for 30 residents;

4. The Hamilton Home, in Hamilton, with space for 28 residents;

5. The Yanceyville Home, in Yanceyville, with space for 31 residents;

6. The Western North Carolina Baptist Home, in Asheville, with space for 50 residents, now under construction.

This means that there will be accommodations for 300 people in all of our six Baptist Homes, the apartment complex, and the Nursing Care Unit, when the Western North Carolina Baptist Home, in Asheville is completed. This lovely facility is now under construction, and it is anticipated that it will be completed and ready for occupancy by February 15, 1979.

Our Baptist Homes for the Aging have received vital support from our more than 3400 Baptist Churches through two vital sources through the years:

1. The Cooperative Program, which supplies about 8% of our total budget;

2. The Special Offering which supplies 16% of our total budget.

These gifts are used to supplement the care of the majority of the residents in our Baptist Homes and are a life-line, therefore, to residents who could not possibly pay the cost of care, if it were not for these gifts. We are grateful for these gifts and for every church and every person who has had a part in making them possible.

Since our February, 1978 offering for the Baptist Homes was the last Special Offering ever, we are greatly concerned that our churches and our people continue, in an ever increasing manner, their loyal support for the Homes. The total goal of the State Missions Offering for 1979, in which we will share with our other Baptist institutions, and with the specific causes of State Missions in $2,000.000. Our Baptist Homes will receive $300,000.00 from this offering, if the total goal is reached.

Of interest in our Homes for the Aging in projected growth and service is a new proposed wing to the Hayes Home in Winston-Salem which will house 51 additional patients and residents and bring our total capacity in all of the Homes and the Nursing Care Unit to 351 persons.

The growing edge of our national and state population is in the area of the aging, those 65 years of age and above. We must continue to prepare for them in our churches, our communities, and in our Baptist Homes for the Aging.

Will you join us in our prayers and in our plans for those aging persons who look to us for help!

HOSPITAL
Dewey C. Price, Jr.

Hospital Report.

The Baptist hospital has grown from an 80 bed hospital in 1923 to a 650 bed medical center which offers care in almost every specialty of medicine. Last year 23,123 patients were admitted to the hospital and there were an additional 206,547 visits to various outpatient clinics and the emergency room.

Those who are referred to the Baptist Hospital because of rare and complicated medical problems will find highly specialized personnel and modern sophisticated equipment to help meet their needs.

For example, 316 open-heart surgical procedures were performed last year. Also, 933 cardiac cateterizations and 25,538 electrocardiograms were done.

The Computed Axial Tomography Scanner was used in 2,848 examinations last year to detect clots, strokes, tumors, and other types of brain damage and/or abnormality.

The Intensive Care Nursery, with its highly trained staff and modern equipment, has contributed significantly to a reduction in infant death and to birth-related health problems.

Persons who have serious kidney disease come to Baptist Hospital; last year the hospital provided 5,827 artificial kidney treatments and performed 13 kidney transplants.

Baptist Hospital's chaplains play a significant role in the emotional and

spiritual therapy of patients. They counsel and pray and minister to patients on a personal basis. They also lead periods of worship in David Chapel in which patients, along with staff and visitors, may participate.

One of the most recent additions to the hospital staff is a patient representative who visits with patients to hear their concerns, questions and criticisms. She then works with staff members to improve the conditions which patients bring to her attention.

The business office tries to collect enough money from patients and their insurance companies and from various sponsoring agencies to pay for various services the hospital provides. This is no easy task. Your gifts through the Mother's Day Offering and other offerings will help the hospital make up the difference between the cost of operation, and the amount its patients can pay.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Elliott Loftin

Mission Funds

Balance - October 1, 1977			$4,760.30
Receipts:	Crouse	$ 21.76	
	Operating Budget	600.00	
	Interest Earned	269.10	890.86
Balance in Savings - September 30, 1978			$5,651.16

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
D. Harding Caldwell

Parliamentarian	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.
Historian	Miss Ann Keener
Director of Library Service	Mrs. Reggie Deaton
Trustee, Chairman	Julius Sherrill
Trustee	Bill Beard
Trustee	David Ross
Sunday School Director	Carolyn Baker
Vacation Bible School Director	Ron Richardson
Adult Director	Ronald Finger
Youth Director	J. W. Crouse
Children's Director	Mrs. Rachel J. Ballenger
Pre-School Director	Mrs. Lyn B. Owen
Church Training Director	James F. Collette
Brotherhood Director	Dean Wray
President of Baptist Men	John P. Smith
Royal Ambassador Director	Bill Pendleton
Music Director	Lois Waters

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

Three years	Joe Bondurant	Mrs. Ned Setzer
Chairman	Truitt Beard	

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

American Bible Society	-	
Annuity Board	-	Fred A. Carpenter
Baptist Foundation	-	Harold L. Brown
Children's Homes	-	Loyd Spencer
Christian Action League	-	
Christian Education	-	Walter Adams
Christian Literature	-	Albert C. Helms, Jr.
Homes for the Aging	-	Dewey Crouse, Jr.
Hospital	-	Guy P. Helms
South Mountain Camp	-	Paul Crotts
Stewardship	-	Hartwell Condrey
Foreign Missions	-	Robert A. Cantwell
Home Missions	-	F. Ray Rummage, Jr.
State Missions	-	Harold R. King

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP REPRESENTATIVES

Paul Crotts — Frank Hoyle — David Rhodes
Bob Hawley — Roy Houk

ORDINATION COMMITTEE

We have examined and recommended for ordination the following:

Michael Blevins and Gerald Davis from Reepsville Church.
Arnold Hovis from Fellowship Church.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

Balance brought forward - October 1, 1977		$2,794.06
Receipts: Maiden, First	$ 50.00	
Interest earned	144.93	194.93
Balance in Savings - September 30, 1978		$2,988.99

SOUTH MOUNTAIN CAMP
Paul Crotts

We witnessed another demonstration of the power of God at our camp this year. Including 255 who were saved and 26 commitments to special full time christian service, we had 794 decisions for Christ. We praise the Lord also, for 1134 who made a commitment to pray 15 minutes each day for world missions. We averaged 186 in attendance. There were 333 attending from your Association. There were 2,585 who attended some kind of organized church activity.

Campers were taught to pray and were informed about mission needs in all 210 countries in the world by missionaries and members of our staff. Each one was challenged to pray, go, and give that the whole world may know about Jesus.

We are deeply grateful to churches and individuals who have our camp in their budget for capital needs and improvements. This enables us to keep our fee low enough that more campers may come to camp. Those who have been helping

us through the years have had a part in the decisions for Christ of over 17,000.

There is an urgent need to pave additional road by the chapel and church cottages. Also, it is necessary to add another full time employee on the camp staff. A personnel committee has been elected to make a recommendation at our November meeting.

Considering how the Lord is using our camp, will you ask your church to include us in their budget or receive a love offering for our Camp?

STEWARDSHIP
Hartwell Condrey

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

This is one of the most exciting times of all history to be alive--especially if you are a Christian and a Southern Baptist. Ever since Jesus was on earth we have had the Great Commission to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:19-20). For the first time ever Southern Baptists have set themselves a deadline to carry out this commission.

Our emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust calls for Southern Baptists to perceive and accept dur mission in enabling every person in the world to hear and respond to the gospel of Christ by the year 2000 A.D. What a challenge--sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in the world by the year 2000. Providing resources to meet this exciting challenge will require boldness in prayer and sacrificial giving on the part of every Southern Baptist. We must give our best as we minister through our church, through the association, and through the Cooperative Program in bold support of missions at home and around the world.

Commitment to Bold Mission Thrust calls for specific action on our part as individuals and churches. Let every church in our association demonstrate its commitment to the world mission task through serving and giving. Every church is challenged to increase, on an annual basis, the percentage of its total budget income given through the Cooperative Program and through the missions budget of the association. As a further guideline, churches should consider prayerfully the percentage increase suggested by the state convention for Cooperative Program and the increase suggested by the association for associational ministries.

Some goals for the coming year are:

1. Every church in the association giving something through the Cooperative Program for Bold Mission Thrust support.

2. Every church in the association increasing the percentage of the total budget income given through the Cooperative Program.

3. Every church in the association increasing the percentage of the total budget income for the support of associational missions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NASHVILLE--The Sunday School Board set a record receipt total of $75 million last year but was hampered somewhat by skyrocketing energy and postal costs and bad winter weather.

In presenting the annual report to the Sunday School Board trustees, President Grady C. Cothen said the Board is in excellent financial shape as "we go about fulfilling our mission--the mission of ministry."

Four priorities continued to receive major attention.

More than 7,000 churches and 225 associations conducted ACTION enrollment campaigns and 567 new Sunday Schools were started in efforts to reach more persons for Bible study.

The Bible Book Series for youth and adults in Sunday School and the Radio-TV Bible Correspondence program are scheduled to begin October 1, 1978.

The "Equipping Center" concept, short-term training for adults, continued to be tested with plans to release the first materials April 1, 1979.

Family life conferences which reached 33,000 persons and Home Life with an average monthly circulation of 838,000 were the primary resources for supporting and enriching family life.

Career Assessment and Development Consultations were undertaken to aid and encourage pastors and church staff members.

Glorieta and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers registered 85,384 guests and stayed a total of 382,178 days. As a result of the work of a special task force on conference center operations, several changes in registration procedures have been approved for 1979.

Baptist Book Stores opened three regional mail order centers in Nashville, St. Louis and Arlington, Texas. Two more will be opened in 1978 in Memphis and Atlanta.

Broadman Press introduced 633 new products during the year. The first book of the 24-volume Layman's Bible Book Commentary will be released in October 1978.

Reorganization was completed of the Church Services and Materials Division into Three divisions--Bible Teaching, Christian Development and Church and Staff Support. Total Church Study Course credits requested for the year were 308,407.

In the program of Sunday School development, increased visibility was given to associational work and ministry with ethnic groups and to blind and deaf persons.

Under the convention-approved formula, $1.6 million was transferred to assist state conventions in promoting Sunday School Board-related programs.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mrs. J. E. Helms

Beginning Balance - October 1, 1977			$ 6,072.85
RECEIPTS:	Church Contributions	$38,070.83	
	Annuals	795.00	
	N. C. Withholding Tax	434.87	
	N. C. Sales Tax Refund	123.50	39,424.20
TOTAL CASH			$45,497.05
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Director of Missions Salary	10,999.92	
	Car Allowance	3,000.00	
	Denominational Meetings	600.00	
	Retirement Plan	1,099.92	
	Hospital Insurance	643.08	
	Life Insurance	458.06	
	Home Utilities	956.83	
	Home Telephone	109.99	
	Office Supplies, Postage	1,488.71	
	Office Utilities	974.12	
	Office Telephone	346.48	
	Office Secretary	3,166.67	
	Janitor and Supplies	500.00	
	Building Maintenance	105.31	
	Christmas Bonuses	300.00	
	Insurance	380.60	
	Clerk	325.00	
	Treasurer	325.00	
	Annual Meeting	50.00	
	Social Security	766.42	
	Annuals	200.00	
	Loan Repayments	6,015.72	
	Sunday School	167.47	
	Church Training	70.00	
	W.M.U.	616.67	
	Audio-Visual Aids	102.75	
	Evangelism	59.78	
	Missions Committee	600.00	
	Miscellaneous	191.87	
	Landscaping	992.08	
	Centennial Fund	1,274.07	
	Annuals	741.20	
	N. C. Withholding Tax	434.87	38,062.59
Balance on Hand - September 30, 1978			$ 7,434.46
Summary of Cash:	Budget	7,307.81	
	Annuals	126.65	
			$ 7,434.46

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES
October 1, 1977-September 30, 1978

Amity	$ 676.00
Antioch	1,653.58
Bethel	360.00
Boger City	450.00
Calvary	1,000.00
Cedar Grove	300.00
Center View	610.00
Craig Memorial	1,809.33
Crouse	350.00
David Memorial	75.00
Faith	1,200.00
Fellowship	878.18
Friendly Chapel	757.75
Gainsville	1,581.18
Howard's Creek	10.60
Hudson Chapel	225.00
Hull's Grove	1,498.07
Lawing's Chapel	600.00
Leonard's Fork	218.47
Lincoln Avenue	2,477.00
Lincolnton, First	1,650.00
Long Shoals	250.00
Macedonia	943.36
Maiden, East	920.00
Maiden, First	2,583.36
Massapoag	100.00
Mt. Anderson	1,000.00
Mt. Ruhama	1,404.00
Mt. Zion	933.00
Mountain View	1,400.00
New Hope	220.00
North Brook	550.00
Oak Grove	663.10
Olivet	620.38
Pearl	774.40
Piney Grove	516.02
Reepsville	1,500.00
River View	1,312.81
Roseland	388.78
Salem	1,000.00
Sharon	504.47
Southside	1,900.99
Temple	133.00
Westport	573.00
Total Receipts from churches	$38,070.83

TRUSTEES REPORT
J. M. Sherrill

ASSETS:	Office	$49,093.85	
	Home	35,000.00	
	Office Equipment	6,095.07	
	Cash - Checking	7,434.46	
	Savings	5,651.16	
Total Assets			$103,274.54
LIABILITIES:			
	Loan - First Federal Savings & Loan Asso.		21,211.65
NET RESOURCES			$ 82,062.89

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Mrs. Carolyn L. Baker

The annual leadership conference for directors, leaders, and assistants in WMU was held at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church on October 11, 1977, with outstanding attendance. Manual studies and leadership conferences were held on September 11 and 12, 1978, at Boger City Baptist Church. All age-levels were well represented at both Leadership Conferences.

Three hundred fifty Baptist Women gathered at the Cross Country Campgrounds for the Baptist Women's Banquet on November 3, 1977. Mrs. Joy Keever, BW Director, presided at the meeting. "Baptist Women...Reaching Out" was the banquet theme. Mrs. Nancy Hern, Missionary to Lebanon, was guest speaker. Kay Brown, Kathy Powell, Prissy Sherrill and Jackie Clark, presented special music.

The Home Mission Study Books were taught on all age levels on February 13, 1978, at Macedonia Baptist Church.
BW and BYW - "The Leaven and the Salt" taught by Mrs. Alberta Parker, a member of the Christian Service Corp
Acteens - "Hey, Kid, Step Over this Line" taught by Mrs. Robert Cantwell
GA - "Talking With Our Hands" taught by Viola Hoyle and Dot Calvin
MF - "Someone Like Me" taught by Georgia Carter

A Baptist Women's Prayer Retreat was held on September 26, 1978, at Antioch Baptist Church. Mrs. Lin Fincannon (formerly Faye Tunmire, missionary to the Philippines) was the leader.

The BYW Banquet was held on April 6, 1978, at East Maiden Fellowship Building with Nona Kay Bickerstaff, State BYW Director, as the Speaker.

A Baptist Young Women Prayer Retreat was held on May 27, 1978, at Antioch Baptist Church with Mrs. Margaret Stamey of Candler as leader.

The Acteens had a Studiact Fair at Pearl Baptist Church and a Prayer Retreat at First Baptist Church, Maiden. At the Prayer Retreat "Loneliness" was studied and the girls participated in activities outlined for self-development. A "Talent Show" followed. The host church served breakfast the following morning. A "Sandwich N Song" was held at Mt. Ruhama. A Missions Fair was held at Macedonia.

The GA's enjoyed an Old-Time Thanksgiving covered dish supper with the GA's preparing the food for girls, Mothers, and leaders. In the rain, 20 GA girls sang Christmas Carols at the Court House in Lincolnton. Again this year, the Day Camp was a big success.

Be aware of something special and new for Mission Friends beginning in October 1978. "Share" is a monthly parent-child piece for the Mission Friends child and family. "Share" can be a real asset to our Mission Friends organizations.

This has been a very busy, but rewarding year in WMU as we have seen the work increase and more people becoming involved. All of the directors and assistants have cooperated one hundred percent and I appreciate their dedication.

WMU OFFICERS - 1978-79

Mrs. Joy Keever, W.M.U. Director
Mrs. Helen Helms, Assistant W.M.U. Director
Mrs. Helen Harrill, Secretary and Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Setzer, Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Carolyn Baker, Assistant Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Milly Clark, Baptist Young Women Director
Mrs. Margie Cline, Assistant Baptist Young Women Director
Mrs. Shirley Alexander, Acteen Director
Mrs. Frances Armstrong, Assistant Acteen Director
Mrs. Dot Calvin, Girls in Action Director
Mrs. Betty Gilleland, Mission Friends Director
Mrs. Effie Hawkins, Assistant Mission Friends Director

PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF OUR LOVED ONES

ANTIOCH
Mr. Robert Smith
Mrs. John Grant

BETHEL
Mrs. Guy Schronce
Mr. Marshall Avery

BOGER CITY
Mr. Worth Vernon Ewing
Mrs. Lucille Cauble Jones
Mrs. Louell Setzer Keener
Mr. Mason McCoy Lockman
Mrs. Mattie McAllister McConnell
Mr. Lewis Wise Stamey

CENTER VIEW
Mr. Kermit Bolick
Mr. Smith Laney
Mr. Dewey Link
Mr. George Turbyfill
Mrs. Pearl Perkins

FRIENDLY CHAPEL
Mrs. Iris Rinehardt Linsey

GAINSVILLE
Mrs. Millar Hurt, Sr.
Mr. Lloyd Dellinger

HULL'S GROVE
Mrs. Zula Brendel
Mrs. Linda Martin
Mr. Clete Taylor
Mr. Haywood Hull
Mr. Frank Lackey

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mr. David Eaker
Deacon Richard Rhyne
Mrs. Addie Dellinger

LONG SHOALS
Miss Lola Poovey
Mrs. Nellie Traywick
Mrs. Marjorie Moore
Minnie Lee Caskey

MACEDONIA
Mrs. George Fox
Mr. E. R. Ewing
Mr. Vance Harris
Mr. Larry Ballard
Mrs. Lettie P. Richard
Miss Sadie Miller
Mrs. Joe Beal

MAIDEN, EAST
Mrs. Raney Campbell
Mrs. Peggy Bumgarner
Mr. Dewey Auton
Mr. Walker Sigmon
Mrs. Gaither Campbell
Mr. David Drum
Mrs. Estelle Kirkland

MAIDEN, FIRST
Mrs. A. J. Propst
Mr. Joe Shuford
Mr. George C. Lowman
Mr. Boyce Huffman
Mr. Ray Danner
Mrs. J. D. Harbinson
Mr. Billy Campbell

MASSAPOAG
Mrs. Mary Gilleland

MT. ANDERSON
Mr. Bob Smith
Deacon Bill Lehmans
Deacon Allen Jones

MT. RUHAMA
Mrs. Lee Campbell
Miss Marselene Laney
Mrs. George Houk
Mr. Michael Wilson
Mrs. Olin Abernethy
Mrs. Osco Laney
Mrs. Sarah Sigmon

MT. ZION
Mrs. Margaret Hager
Mr. Jonas Hawkins
Mr. Gary Morrison

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mrs. Ara Lowe Hewitt
Mr. Elbert P. Hicks

NEW HOPE
Mr. Pink Sigmon
Mr. John Bentley

OAK GROVE
Mrs. Mae B. Crisson

OLIVET
Mr. Oscar Williams
Mr. Arnold Eades
Mr. C. L. Thomas
Mr. Albert Arndt
Mr. Lanny Christenbury

PEARL
Miss Alma Moose
Mrs. Beulah Nantz
Mr. Gary Fox

PINEY GROVE
Mr. Zeb Vance Drum

REEPSVILLE
Mrs. Susie Bumgarner Jones

RIVER VIEW
Deacon Walter Frank Parker, Jr.
Mrs. T. H. Roach

ROSELAND
Deacon Preston Green

SALEM
Mr. Steve Garrison
Deacon Rannie Sigmon

SHARON
Deacon W. P. Schronce
Mrs. Perri Nantz

SOUTHSIDE
Mr. Mack Fredell
Mr. John L. Owens
Mr. A. Gilbert Whitesides
Mrs. Inez Mosteller

TEMPLE
Mr. Noah Cunningham

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1977*	1978**	Gain or Loss
Total Baptisms	254	271	17
Additions by letter, etc.	232	320	88
Total Membership	12,722	12,571	(151)
S.S. Enrollment	8,628	8,507	(121)
V.B.S. Enrollment	3,785	3,641	(144)
C.T. Enrollment	2,231	2,126	(105)
W.M.U. Enrollment	2,334	2,059	(275)
Brotherhood Enrollment	1,219	1,172	(47)
Church Music Enrollment	1,716	1,922	206
Total Receipts	2,222,112	2,458,097	235,985
Cooperative Program Gifts	188,925	196,309	7,384
Total Mission Gifts	376,836	404,134	27,298

*1977 is based on 41 of 46 churches

**1978 is based on 41 of 45 churches

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Tentative Calendar

1979

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	8- 9	RESORT MISSIONS CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	8-12	BIBLE STUDY WEEK (Mark)
	9	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Council
	12-13	HOME MISSION TEACHER TRAINING, CARAWAY
	14	SOUL-WINNING COMMITMENT DAY
	22	*Associational Evangelism Clinic*
	25-26	DOCTRINE OF SALVATION STUDY, GREENSBORO
	26-27	LAY WITNESS ANNUAL MEETING, CARAWAY
	28	BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
FEBRUARY	2- 4	MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT, CARAWAY
	4	BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE SUNDAY
	5- 6	STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE, FAYETTEVILLE
	9	CONFERENCE ON WOMEN AND EVANGELISM, CARAWAY
	11	RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY
	11-17	W.M.U. FOCUS WEEK
	12	*Pastors' Conference*
	13	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Home Mission Study
	18-21	HOME MISSION STUDY
	20	ENERGY CONSERVATION CONFERENCE, CHARLOTTE
	23-25	BAPTIST MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
		HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' RETREAT, CARAWAY
	26	C. T. INTERPRETATION CONFERENCE, STATESVILLE
MARCH	2- 3	DAY CAMP WORKSHOP, MUNDO VISTA
	4-11	HOME MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING
	6	S. S. BOLD GROWING CLINIC, HICKORY
	8- 9	V.B.S. CLINIC, RIDGECREST
	9-10	LANGUAGE MISSIONS CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	11-17	YOUTH WEEK
	12	*Pastors' Conference*
	13	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Board
	16-17	W.M.U. ANNUAL SESSION, RALEIGH
	16-18	PIONEER R.A. CONGRESS
	17	*Youth Night*
	18	*Gardner-Webb Ministerial Day*
	20-21	MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE
	24	WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION WORKSHOP, WINSTON-SALEM
	26-29	GROWING AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH SEMINAR, CARAWAY
	27	*W.M.U. Council*

APRIL	3	*W.M.U. Annual Meeting, Antioch*
	6- 7	CHURCH MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY CONFERENCE, CHARLOTTE
		SEMINAR ON WOMEN AND MONEY, CARAWAY
	9	*Pastors' Conference*
		V.B.S. Clinic
	9-15	JEWISH FELLOWSHIP WEEK
	10	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Council
	12	*B.Y.W. Banquet*
	15	EASTER
	16-20	BAPTIST DOCTRINE WEEK
	20-21	R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	20-22	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
		STATE ACTEENS CONVENTION, RIDGECREST
	21	BAPTIST MEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
	22	LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY
	23-25	MUSIC CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	24	*Acteen Activity*
	25-26	SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE, GASTONIA
	27-28	R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
		YOUTH CONVENTION, GREENSBORO
	27-29	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND, CARAWAY
	28	BAPTIST WOMEN HOUSEPARTY
MAY	4- 5	B.Y.W. RETREAT, MUNDO VISTA
		INTERFAITH WITNESS CONFERENCE, CARAWAY
	4- 6	R.A. COUNSELORS' BACKPACKING WEEKEND
	5	BAPTIST WOMEN FELLOWSHIP
		AFFIRMING THE FAMILY RALLY, GREENSBORO
	6	SENIOR ADULT DAY
	6-13	CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK
	11-12	COUPLES RETREAT, CARAWAY
		G.A./MISSION FRIENDS LEADERS RETREAT, MUNDO VISTA
	13	MOTHER'S DAY
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	14-16	KEY LEADERSHIP TRAINING, RIDGECREST
	18-19	STATE R.A. TRACT MEET
		BAPTIST WOMEN HOUSEPARTY, MUNDO VISTA
	20	BAPTIST RADIO AND TELEVISION SUNDAY
	21-27	*Associational Emphasis Week*
	25-26	STATE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE
	26	CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL, FRUITLAND
JUNE	2	CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL, ASHEBORO
	3	RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUNDAY
	10-11	W.M.U. ANNUAL MEETING, HOUSTON
	12-14	SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, HOUSTON
	17	FATHER'S DAY
	18	*Pastors' Conference*
	19	*Associational Board*
JULY	1	CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP SUNDAY
	2- 6	WEEK OF STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP, MARS HILL COLLEGE

JULY (cont'd)	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
	8	CHRISTIAN LITERATURE DAY
	9	*Pastors' Conference*
	10	*Associational Council*
	10-12	6th NATIONAL R.A. CONGRESS, NASHVILLE
	24	*W.M.U. Council*
	24-28	NATIONAL ACTEENS CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY, MO.
AUGUST	1	WORLD HUNGER DAY
	6-11	LIFE AND CAREER DIRECTORS WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	11	*G.A. Activity*
	12	LANGUAGE MISSIONS DAY
	13	*Pastors' Conference*
	13-15	HAPPINESS RETREAT CASWELL
	17	YOUTH EVANGELISM NIGHT, GREENSBORO
	19-26	CHURCH MUSIC WEEK
	27	*Associational Key Leadership Conference*
	28	*Associational Key Leadership Conference*
SEPTEMBER	2- 8	BROTHERHOOD LEADERSHIP WEEK
	3	LABOR DAY
	4	*Associational S.S. Leadership Night*
	7- 8	FOREIGN MISSION TEACHER TRAINING
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	10-11	"M" NIGHT TRAINING, CARAWAY
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Board
	15-16	VOLUNTEER MUSIC DIRECTORS' RETREAT
	16	NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING SUNDAY
	17-18	LITERACY WORKSHOP, RALEIGH
	17-19	MULTI-VENTION, CARAWAY
	18	*W.M.U. Leadership Conference*
		CHURCH BUILDING PLANNING CONFERENCE, NORTH WILKSBORO
	20	*Acteen Activity*
	21-23	BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
	30-October 7	SUNDAY SCHOOL PREPARATION WEEK
OCTOBER	3	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	7	NATIONAL ADULT START-A-CLASS SUNDAY
	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	9	*Pastors' Wives*
	10	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	12-13	STATEWIDE DEACONS RETREAT, CARAWAY
		CRUSADER R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	14	BIBLICAL RECORDER DAY
	16	*Annual Meeting*
	17	*Annual Meeting*
		COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	18	*W.M.U. Council*
	19-20	CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT, RIDGECREST
		SENIOR MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
	24	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	25	*G.A. Activity*

OCTOBER (cont'd)	26-27	BAPTIST Y.W. CONVENTION, RIDGECREST
		PIONEER R.A. OFFICERS WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	31	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
NOVEMBER	1	*Baptist Women Banquet*
	2- 3	STATEWIDE CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS/PASTORS CONFERENCE, GREENSBORO
	4-10	ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK
	5	*Acteen Foreign Missions Emphasis*
	9-10	MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT, CARAWAY
	10-11	N. C. BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION
	11	AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY DAY
	12-14	BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, WINSTON-SALEM
	16-17	CRUSADER R.A. CONGRESS
		ASSOCIATIONAL ACTEENS COUNCIL TRAINING, MUNDO VISTA
	18-21	FOREIGN MISSIONS STUDY
	19	*Pastors' Conference*
	20	*Pastors' Wives*
	22	THANKSGIVING
	26	"M" *Night*
DECEMBER	2- 9	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
	9	FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Board
	15	*G.A. Christmas Caroling*
	25	CHRISTMAS
	30	STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

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Bold Mission Thrust:
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SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED and FIRST
ANNUAL MEETING

THEME: "EQUIPPING FOR CHURCH ADVANCE"

Program

Tuesday, October 23, 1979
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Lincolnton, North Carolina

3:15	Registration	
3:45	Worship	Daniel A. Featherstone,Jr.
4:00	Organization and Order of Business Welcome Recognition of Visitors Introduction of New Workers	 Charles H. Ingle
4:15	Reports and Miscellaneous Business Treasurer Finance Committee Executive Committee Committee on Committees Nominating Committee Program Committee	 Mrs. J. E. Helms Daniel A. Featherstone,Jr. James E. Helms Bobby J. Hord Beeler J. Morris Dr. Foyd Bennett
4:45	Song of Praise - - "Sweet Jesus" Message in Music	Congregation Gardner-Webb Chamber Chorus Dr.Phil D. Perrin, Conductor
4:55	Scripture Reading - Romans 13	Dr. Robert A. Cantwell
	Annual Sermon	Dr. Foyd Bennett
5:30	Benediction	Harold Grindstaff

Supper

6:45	Worship	Charles Moseley
7:00	Message in Music - - "I Have Chosen You"	Associational Choir
7:10	Director of Missions' Address	Glain S. Pennell
7:30	Hymn No. 288 - - "Tell The Good News"	Congregation
7:35	Moderators' Address	Charles H. Ingle
7:50	Message In Music - - "He Is Lord"	Phil Campbell

8:00	Missionary Address	Rev. Troy C. Bennett Baptist Theological Seminary Lusaka, Zambia
8:45	Benediction Postlude	Johnny Crotts Associational Choir

Wednesday, October 24, 1979
LAWING'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Maiden, North Carolina

9:00	Worship	William D. Knight
9:15	Baptist Foundation	Edwin Coates
9:30	South Mountain Camp	T. A. Lineberger
9:40	Baptist Hospital	Gerald Hewitt
9:50	Song of Praise - - "His Name Is Wonderful"	Congregation
9:55	Annuity Board	Sam H. O'Neal
10:05	Christian Literature	J. Marse Grant
10:15	Christian Higher Education	Dr. Thomas E. Corts President-Wingate College
10:25	Break	
10:40	Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business	
10:50	Doctrinal Sermon	James F. Collette
11:20	Memorial Service	Dr. David C. Wesson
11:25	Message in Music	Roger Worley
11:30	BOLD MISSIONS-CHURCH GROWTH	Dr. Eugene Skelton Growth Consultant-S.S.Board
12:15	Benediction	Nathan L. May

Lunch

Presiding for the afternoon and morning sessions
Charles H. Ingle, Moderator

Presiding for the evening session
D. Harding Caldwell, Vice-Moderator

OFFICERS

Moderator	Charles H. Ingle
Vice-Moderator	D. Harding Caldwell
Clerk	Mrs. J. E. Helms
Music Director	Roger Worley
Parliamentarian	Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.
Director of Missions	Glain S. Pennell

CHORUSES

1. "Sweet Jesus, sweet Jesus; What a wonder you are!
You're brighter than the morning star.
You're fairer, much fairer than the lily that grows by the wayside;
Precious, more precious than gold."

2. "God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; He's so good to me.

God meets my needs; God meets my needs;
God meets my needs; He's so good to me."

3. "His name is Wonderful, His Name is Wonderful,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, My Lord;

He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord."

REPORTS FOR THE 1979 SESSION

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
Kenneth L. Gibson, Sr.

DISTRIBUTION:
It is exciting to report that over 500 million Scriptures were distributed in 1978. The seed is being sown and it falls on good soil over and over again. Total Scripture distribution throughout 1978 by all the societies reached 503,125,210 with Bibles, New Testaments, Portions and Selections -- a 23 percent increase.

NEW READER PROGRAMS:
A significent portion of the distribution reported was to people who have been previously denied access to the Scriptures simply because they were unable to read. Literacy programs around the world assisted by the Bible Societies' New Reader programs, have enabled these people to discover for themselves through their own eyes the wonderful words of God.

TRANSLATIONS:
In addition to bringing God's Word to new readers in a form that can be easily understood, it is essential that they be provided with translations in the language they commonly speak today.

As of December 1978 at least one complete book of the Bible had been published in 1,659 languages compared to a total of 1,631 reported at the end of 1977.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:
Contributions from the churches and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1978 amounted to $309,204.00.

The ABS requests the continued prayers and financial support of the Southern Baptist Convention. Working together we can bring the message of hope found in the Scriptures, to those who need it so desperately.

ANNUITY BOARD
Fred A. Carpenter

In North Carolina as of March 31, 1979 - 2,953 staff members of 2,290 churches and associations are participating in the Southern Baptist Retirement Program.

In South Fork Association, 34 churches and 41 staff members are participating in the retirement program.

A "Banner Year" highlights:

1. A "13th Check" equalling an additional full month's benefit and amounting to $1,036,914 was mailed to almost 10,000 annuitants in Board retirement programs.

2. A total of $25,558,637 was paid in retirement and protection benefits. Insurance benefits through church, agency and seminarian programs topped $13 million.

3. An Endowment Department, designed to seek funds for undergirding protection programs, was established. A goal of $25 million by 1988 was set.

4. New churches in the retirement program numbered 630, a record enrollment. New pastors and church employees totaled 2,545 with 3,721 members upgraded programs.

5. Participants in the new Southern Baptist Retirement Program grew to 6,066. Family Benefit Section (Plan A) counted 23,986 members, and Age Security Section (Plan B) recorded a marked increase from 33,062 in 1977 to 44,324. Variable Benefit Section (Plan C) membership declined from 4,885 to 4,217.

6. Premium income reached $51,797,996 (includes relief). Total assets climbed to $569,734,471, compared with $498,977,661 a year earlier.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
Charles H. Ingle

1. We employed Glain S. Pennell as Director of Missions.

2. We approved Buffalo Shoals Baptist Church to come under the Watchcare of the association.

3. We approved receiving the Webbs Chapel Baptist Church into the association from the Gaston Association.

4. We observed the Centennial in our 1978 Annual Meeting and a plaque with the names of the moderators inscribed on it was placed in the office along with pictures of the former Directors of Missions.

5. We approved the budget for 1979-80 in the amount of $52,901.44 as submitted.

BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Harold L. Brown

Since January 1, 1979, the Foundation staff with the assistance from Rev. James B. McQuere, retired Director of Missions of the South Fork Baptist Association, an intensive effort has been made through conferences over the state to familiarize as many pastors as possible of the helpful services provided by the Baptist State Convention through the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. The Foundation is available to assist individual Baptists with their estate planning, regardless of the size of the estate. Many of the most significant and meaningful gifts to support the Christian Ministries through the denomination have been directed through the Foundation as trustee. These services are available from the trained staff and their professional support (accounting and legal services) employed for this purpose without cost to individual participants. Where an individual desires to be a part of sharing the gospel beyond his or her lifetime, the establishment of a trust with the Foundation provides a tangible participation in such activities.

The Foundation has been actively engaged in assisting individuals in not only having their Wills redrafted, but also in the preparation and establishment of annuity trusts. Through such a trust, an individual or couple can place in trust assets (such as property, cash or securities) and receive income for the remainder of their lives. After death, the income from the trust will be paid to the donor's choice (s) of Baptist Missions Work and/or institution. This method of giving provides the satisfying knowledge of being a faithful steward in utilizing resources more completely for the Lord's ministries, as well as taking advantage of the laws of our land in reducing taxation on resources - both income and estates.

A personal and private appointment with a Foundation staff member can be arranged either through your pastor, association Director of Missions, or by writing or calling the Foundation Office. The address is: P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

BROTHERHOOD
Dean Wray

The Brotherhood Department of the South Fork Association has been a challenging experience for me this past year. We spent the better part of the year learning our responsibilities in better ways to serve our Lord.

John Smith, our Baptist Men's President, and I visited twelve to fourteen churches this year, and are looking forward to visiting more during the coming year. The Brotherhood held a Key Leadership Conference August 27-28, with a great response. On September 10 we held a Brotherhood Workshop with the assistance of the Brotherhood Commission and our state leaders, which also was a great success.

The Brotherhood Department has a great missions task set up for this coming year. A few of the events are as follows:

1. Quarterly meetings with all Brotherhood Directors to discuss better ways to accomplish our missions task.

2. Cooperative Prayer Breakfast - Saturday - April 19, 1980

3. Royal Ambassadors Field Day - Saturday - June 14, 1980

4. If enough interest is generated, a Layman's Revival may be held.

The total enrollment is as follows:

Brotherhood Directors	27
Baptist Men	421
Royal Ambassador Directors	98
Crusaders	375
Pioneers	238
Lay Renewal Program	4
Baptist Men's Mission Action	15

One of our main tasks as Christians for the next year is to witness and minister to persons in need. The Brotherhood Department of the South Fork Baptist Association wants to make Bold Mission Thrust a reality, don't you?

CHILDREN'S HOMES
Loyd Spencer

North Carolina families have ready access to a variety of services offered by the Baptist Children's Homes. In the eight counties surrounding Charlotte, there is a Family Service Center, located in the Mecklenburg Baptist Associational Building at 209 South Kings Drive. A call to that office should put families in touch with information and help when they need counseling, emergency care, maternity home services, or placement of children for longer terms of care. This office is also able to work with denominational leaders in the area of planning programs in family education, assistance in day care and early education in churches and other family oriented interests.

Every effort is being made to be a part of and cooperate with the Bold Missions Program fostered by the Baptist State Convention in cooperation with the local church.

An indepth, comprehensive self-study of every segment of the Baptist Children's Homes is just being concluded by the institution's trustees. The study has taken two years and projects the future direction of the Homes over the next decades.

A major portion of the 1978-79 operating budget for the Homes came from the local church through the Cooperative Program, Special Gifts and the traditional Thanksgiving Offering. We are prayerfully concerned, and optomistic, that sufficient funds will continue to come to provide needed services to families and children.

Services of the Homes are being localized as rapidly as possible in order to join hands with pastors and other concerned persons.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
Carolyn L. Baker

The North Carolina Supreme Court has ruled the antipornography bill constitutional. Known as the Lake Bill it is ready to be enforced by law enforcement officials.

The North Carolina Court of Appeals will hand down a ruling soon on the challenge to the Liquor-By-The-Drink legislation. This suit was filed in Wake County Superior Court in January and the decision by Judge Pou Bailey has been appealed to the Appeals Court. A brief has been filed and the next step is to present arguments before the court. Our attorney feels that we have a good chance of winning the case. The League has discovered that lawsuits are time-consuming and expensive. Your prayers and financial support are needed.

The North Carolina Senate, in a last-day move, passed a bill (Senate Bill 943) which, under certain conditions, will give cities and towns a chance to vote after the county has voted to turn down Liquor-By-The-Drink. This will undermine the basic philosophy which underlies the passage of the original Liquor-By-The-Drink Bill. Since this bill has passed the Senate, it can be considered by the House in the short session in June 1980. Encourage your representatives to oppose this bill.

The Senate also killed a bill which would have relaxed the penalties for the possession of up to four ounces of marijuana.

On May 1, 1979, Rev. Coy Privette became the fulltime Associate Executive Director of the League. After the resignation of Rev. William Wallace as President of the League, Rev. Tom Freeman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dunn, was elected President.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Walter Adams

Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest, and Wingate are seven of fifty-three colleges and universities supported and nurtured by state conventions within the Southern Baptist Convention. Of the 134,000 students attending these schools, almost 20,000 are enrolled in North Carolina. Thus, 15% of all Baptist college enrollments are located in this state.

There were several indications of progress within North Carolina's higher education in 1978-79. Wingate College made history by graduating the first senior class; Campbell changed its name to Campbell University; Campbell Law School graduated its first class; budgets were balanced and enrollments were stable.

All North Carolina Baptists are now aware of the current discussions between Wake Forest and the Council Committee to study the Wake Forest University proposal. Many hours of study and work have been given by that committee, and this work will continue at least until the Convention meets in Winston-Salem on November 13-14,1979.

All churches are encouraged to elect responsible and informed messengers to the Convention. Decisions made concerning the continuation of the Wake Forest/Convention relationship will affect the life and work of the Convention and Wake Forest for many years to come.

Thank you for supporting the North Carolina colleges. Please continue to pray for all Baptist work.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE
Carolyn L. Baker

The Christian Life Council, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, initiated the Legislative Information Network (LIN). Each church in our Association was asked to enlist a contact person. The contact person and pastor received regular newsletters containing a concise summary of a wide variety of legislative issues of interest to Christians. The newsletter also kept us advised of the status of pending legislation.

A good number attended the Christian Life Conference, Key Leadership, at First Baptist Church, Lincolnton.

The past twelve months have brought little relief from the endless assault of immorality on our society. Ten million people have died of hunger in spite of important new anti-hunger initiatives. Alcoholism has repeated its annual destruction of countless lives. Insatiable human greed has produced another round of skyrocketing inflation and another chapter in the energy crunch. Television has continued to beam its often dehumanizing and trivial view of life into our homes. In recognition of the clear teaching of the Bible that Christians are to be on guard against the forces of evil, Southern Baptists have assigned the Christian Life Commission the vitally important task of helping the churches to resist this assault. The Christian Life Commission has sought to fulfill this task effectively this year in a variety of ways.

A pamphlet entitled "A Dozen Actions You Can Take to Help Improve the Moral Quality of Television" was mailed to all Southern Baptist pastors to help them deal with the problem of television morality. A conference on television morality was held in Nashville and featured Bob Keeshan, better known as "Captain Kangaroo", and Tipper Gore, wife of a Tennessee congressman. In addition, twice during the year the Commission presented testimony to congressional committees dealing with the rewrite of the Federal Communications Act.

In cooperation with other Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the Christian Life Commission again this year gave leadership to the planning and promotion of World Hunger Day. For the first time ever, World Hunger Day posters have been distributed free through the Convention. The Commission also worked with other SBC agencies to plan and conduct a conventionwide Convocation on World Hunger at Ridgecrest last fall.

Christian citizenship has received renewed emphasis among Southern Baptist this year with the coming of a new director of Christian Citizenship Development to the Christian Life Commission staff. Through his efforts a Southern Baptist Christian Citizenship Corps is now being organized to encourage and inform Baptists as they seek to be responsible Christian citizens. Active Christian citizenship was also encouraged through the promotion of the 1979 Christian Citizenship Sunday observance.

The Christian Life Committee is especially grateful to God for these important opportunities to serve Him. With His continued help, we will strengthen our efforts in the year ahead to serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Albert Helms

In its 146th year of serving North Carolina Baptists, the Recorder, like old man river, keeps rolling along. The Recorder faced the same problems as everyone did in the past year--price increases in every phase of its operations. The cost of postage continues to go up at a rate of more than 30 per cent a year. This means the Recorder is costing four times as much to mail as it did five years ago.

Paper and printing also have gone up, but despite these increases, the Recorder still is about the most reasonable publication available. By keeping the staff small and cutting corners wherever possible, the Recorder can still go into every home in a church for only 7½¢ a week. In today's inflationary world, where else can a person receive so much for so little money? You would pay twice that much for postage on a first class letter.

This has been a newsworthy year and the Recorder has tried to keep you informed. Wake Forest University and its relationship to the Baptist State Convention continues to be in the news and you can depend on the Recorder to strive for fairness and responsible coverage. Action will be taken at the State Convention in November on a proposal that has been worked out by a special committee.

The Southern Baptist Convention in Houston was another important story this year and as always, the Recorder was there.

Even though the Recorder takes pride in its coverage of denominational news and events, it devotes more space to the local church than any other state paper in the Southern Baptist Convention. The Recorder believes in the local church as the foundation stone of what we are trying to do together as Southern Baptists. Strong churches result in a strong denomination.

The editor is completing 20 years and is still striving to make the Recorder better each week. Your support of the Recorder will not only mean much to it but will make you a stronger and better informed Christian. If you and your church do not receive the Recorder, please take steps immediately to see that this is done.

CHURCH TRAINING
James F. Collette

Church Training is undergoing dramatic changes in two very basic areas. First, there is a renewed interest across the Southern Baptist Convention (including North Carolina and South Fork Association) in the need for Church Training in our churches. This interest has resulted in a trend toward "back to the basics" in Church Training. A good example is in the doctrinal emphasis. During this time of renewed interest, our Southern Baptist Convention leadership has developed some new concepts and new handles for old concepts. Among those new concepts and emphasis are:

A. Equipping Center (new short-term training plan)
B. Build-up (new enrollment plan)
C. Survival Kit (new plan for New Member Orientation)
D. Importance of adult involvement (ACT Plan for initiating new groups)
E. Re-emphasis on foundation curriculum (on-going resources)
F. North Carolina's conformity to the Southern Baptist Convention Children's Bible Drill to begin in 1980
G. Youth Speaker's Tournament and return of the Youth Bible Drill to our state

For many years now there has been a continuous decline in Church Training enrollment across the Southern Baptist Convention and in North Carolina. For example, from 1976 to 1977 we realized a decline of 7.84% in our state. However, during the past church year we realized an increase of 1.8%. Consequently, from the end of 1976-77 church year to the present we have seen a net gain of +9%. This is encouraging news as we seek to lead our churches to boldly meet training challenges and needs as we become more and more involved in Bold Mission Thrust and look to the 1980's.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Charles Ingle

Executive Committee

1980	Paul Crotts	Blair Wilkinson-*Chairman*
1981	Charles N.Cranford	Elliott Loftin
1982	*Donald Ferrell*	*Bob Jetton*

Finance Committee

1980	F.Ray Rummage-*Chairman*	Buford Bumgarner
1981	Melvin D.Rabb	Mrs.Richard Keever
1982	*Milford Baumgardner*	*Mrs. Sam Davis*

Missions Committee

1980	Ron Richardson-*Chairman*	Ned Setzer
1981	Dewey Crouse,Jr.	Mrs. Leonard Wright
1982	*Kenneth Gibson*	*Robert Wise*

Nominating Committee

1980	B.J. Morris-*Chairman*	Mrs. James Calvin
1981	Don Knight	Mrs. Earl Armstrong
1982	*D.Harding Caldwell*	*Mrs.W.E.Stroupe*

Program Committee

1980	Fred A.Carpenter-*Chman*	Mrs. Neal Alexander
1981	Albert C.Helms,Jr.	Mrs.William R. Walters
1982	*Charles Ingle*	*Gary Hunsucker*

Evangelism Committee

1980	Nathan L. May
1981	Flint Hovis
1982	*D.A. Featherstone, Jr.-Chairman*

Ordination Committee

1980	Dewey Price,Jr.-*Chairman*	William Ewing
1981	Walter Adams	W.W.Black
1982	*Jim Collette*	*Floyd Kirksey*

Resolutions Committee

1980	Bobby Simmons-*Chairman*
1981	Alvin Hoyle
1982	*Joe Bondurant*

Stewardship Committee

1980	Hartwell Condrey - *Chairman*
1981	Robert Lukach
1982	*Lloyd Spencer*

Christian Life Committee

1980	Darrell Bost
1981	Mrs. Bobby Baker- *Chairman*
1982	*Howard Carrigan*

**Presented by the Committee on Committees for election.*

EVANGELISM
Charles W. Moseley

Baptists in search of unsaved and unchurched persons, are joining together in a Statewide Evangelistic Crusade scheduled for 1982. It is expected that the effort will include Simultaneous Revivals with dates and other activities to be announced soon. The Joint Evangelistic Crusade Committee, composed of both white and black Baptists, is chaired by Mark Corts of Winston-Salem, and co-chaired by C.W. Ward of Raleigh. The committee requests prayer support of the churches for this effort to reach every person in North Carolina with the gospel of Christ by the end of 1982.

The 33rd Statewide Evangelism Conference was held at the Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium, Fayetteville, North Carolina, during February 5-6, 1979. Over 2,500 pastors and lay persons were challenged by evangelistic preachers to involve church members more in direct witnessing for Christ to the unsaved.

Many churches in our Association participated in a Bold Evangelism Clinic February 26, 1979, using the notebook - BOLD EVANGELISM THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH - with the emphasis related to on-going programs of evangelism in the local church. Every church in our Association is encouraged to double baptisms by 1982, or sooner.

Many pastors and lay persons participated in an important seminar on GROWING AN EVANGELISTIC CHURCH during March 26-29 at Caraway Conference Center. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Division of Evangelism and several of the staff of the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board. In-depth training sessions placed an emphasis on long-range planning to develop an evangelistic local church.

The Division of Evangelism now has the TELLset and training cartridges to train small groups in direct witnessing. There will be a renewed emphasis on Lay Evangelism Schools with the use of new materials and TELL witness training.

Decisions for Christ are being made by youth and adults as a result of the Youth Revivals led by four Summer Youth Evangelism Teams in one-week efforts among 36 churches across our state.

Churches and associations are now involved in Bold Revival Planning Clinics, using the Revival Planbook for the Local Church, Counseling Guide, and the Follow-Up Manual for New Christians. The Revival Planbook can help pastors and church leaders to plan for a more effective revival effort.

The 34th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be held in Greensboro during February 4-5, 1980.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
J. E. Helms

The Executive Committee has met each month, reviewing the Financial Reports, and carrying out its responsibilities according to its directives from the Association.

Actions taken during the year are as follows:

1. The appliances were purchased from the McQuere's for $600 to become a part of the house in Maiden.

2. Buffalo Shoals was approved to come under the Watchcare of the Association.

3. Webb's Chapel was received as a member of the Association from Gaston Assoc.

4. Recommended Glain S. Pennell to the Associational Board for Director of Missions.

5. Recommended that Office Hours be increased from three to four hours/day (9:00 - 1:00)

6. Recommended that the Director of Missions be permitted to live in the house at 917 East Main Street, Maiden until construction of new house is complete.

7. Foyd Bennett was approved to teach the Luther Rice Seminary Extension Courses at the Associational Office.

8. Approved Doug Felts to care for the grounds at the Associational Office.

9. Approved to pay movers to move the Pennells from Greenville S.C. to Maiden.

10. Wade Mosteller was approved as Energy Consultant for the churches of the Association.

11. Howard Smith was approved as Deacon Director.

12. Set March 31 - April 4, 1980 to celebrate in South Fork Association the 150th Anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

13. Approved the purchase of six Church Training Modules for Associational Office.

14. Approved the purchase of a filing cabinet for the Associational Office.

15. William Ewing was approved to fill the unexpired term on the Ordination Committee of Thomas Haylett.

16. Approved the purchase of a bookcase for the conference room at the Assoc. Office.

17. Approved the hiring of Shirley Alexander as Secretary of the Associational Office.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
D. A. Featherstone, Jr.

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Budget 1978-79 & Proposed Budget 1979-80

	BUDGET 1978-1979	AMENDED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET 1979-1980
Director of Missions Salary	12,000.00	1,500.00/13,500.00(2/79)	13,500.00
Car Allowance	3,000.00		3,300.00
Housing Allowance		4,300.00(2/79)	6,080.00
Conferences & Denominational Mtgs.	800.00		880.00
Retirement Plan	1,200.00		1,320.00
Hospital Insurance	900.00		990.00
Life Insurance	531.00		463.80
Disability Insurance			131.64
Home Utilities	1,500.00	(1,354.79)	
Home Telephone	120.00	(74.26)=(2,304.05)	
Home Upkeep & Repair	1,000.00	(875.00)	
Office Supplies, Postage	1,650.00		2,000.00
Office Utilities	1,000.00		1,100.00
Office Telephone	350.00		385.00
Office Secretary	3,300.00	900.00/4,200.00(12/78) (3 hrs. to 4 hrs. a day)	4,857.60
Insurance (Secretary)			300.00
Contingent Salary			1,522.40
Janitor and Supplies	1,500.00		1,500.00
Building Maintenance	200.00		200.00
Christmas Bonuses	300.00		330.00
Insurance (Properties)	450.00		495.00
Clerk	350.00		385.00
Treasurer	350.00		385.00
Annual Meeting	250.00		250.00
Social Security (Secretary)	1,000.00		250.00
Annuals	300.00		330.00
Loan Repayments	6,016.00		6,016.00
Sunday School	300.00		475.00
Church Training	100.00		185.00
W.M.U.	700.00		845.00
Brotherhood	200.00		475.00
Music	50.00		200.00
Audio Visual Aids	100.00		200.00
Evangelism	100.00		200.00
Projected Missions	600.00		600.00
Family Life Conference			250.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00		2,500.00
TOTALS	$45,217.00	4,395.95 = 49,612.95	$52,901.44

FOREIGN MISSIONS
Robert A. Cantwell

The Foreign Mission Board is entering a new era with the retirement of Dr. Baker James Cauthen in December, 1979 and the election of Dr. R. Keith Parks who will assume the position of Executive Director of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on January 1, 1980.

Dr. Keith Parks used the story of David and Saul to illustrate that differences exist and would have to be made. When David was preparing to meet Goliath he went before Saul who sought to place his armor upon the young lad only to find it was too cumbersome for him to face the battle. So it would be for Dr. Parks to seek to follow the pattern of Dr. Cauthen. His God given talents, strengths and weaknesses, and abilities are different from those of Dr. Cauthen. His leadership and the makeup of the Board will have to be changed to meet the needs of his own leadership ability as has been true with the twenty-six years the board has moved under the leadership of Dr. Cauthen.

As of October 1, 1979, there were 2,977 missionaries under appointment. This includes 2,516 career missionaries, 226 associates, 218 journeymen, and 17 special project workers.

The 1979 Southern Baptist Convention Missions Night met Wednesday evening with nearly 50,000 people coming to the Astrodome in Houston, Texas to witness one of the most moving events planned for Southern Baptist. Over two thousand individuals have been appointed as Home and Foreign Missionaries during 1978. The Missionary or someone representing them marched onto the field of the Astrodome and beside each one was a support person who promised to lift that missionary up in prayer during the coming year. As the missionary knelt the support person prayed for them. Following this experience we were kept on the "mountain top" by Dr. William G. Tanner, Executive Director of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Baker James Cauthen and Dr. Billy Graham.

Southern Baptist gave a record $35,919,605.40 to the 1978 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Books on the offering closed May 31. This represents 89.8% of the 1978 goal of $40 million. The total represents an increase of 12.4% over the 1977 offering total.

Dr. Cauthen states, "We praise God for the members and staff of the Foreign Mission Board. Through all these years our hearts have been united in love, prayer, confidence, and commitment to Christ. They are true yoke-fellows in the service of our Savior.

Southern Baptist are poised for the greatest missionary undertaking in all history. Who can measure what God may do if we faithfully follow him in the tremendous challenge of Bold Mission Thrust?"

- Prepared by Albert Leath, Jr.

HISTORY
Miss Ann Keener

FAITH - Built ramp for the handicapped.
FRIENDLY CHAPEL - Pastorium paid for - note burning 10/19/78.
LINCOLNTON,FIRST - Moved into new church building on 321 By-Pass.
MAIDEN, FIRST - Ordination of Rev. Roger D. Worley (EM) & Homecoming Event.
MT. ZION - Installed Storm Windows & Doors, aluminum siding, & replaced boxing on parsonage. Installed iron railing on back porch of church. Installed carpet in fellowship hall and erected a side light.
MOUNTAIN VIEW - Observed 125th Anniversary.
OLIVET - Open House at new parsonage in November, 1978.
REEPSVILLE - Purchased 15-Passenger Club Van. Built Arbor for Bus & Van.
SOUTHSIDE - New pastorium completed.
TEMPLE - New roof on sanctuary. Fellowship building completely renovated.
WEBB'S CHAPEL - Ordained Eddy Heavner as Deacon.

HOMES FOR THE AGING
Dewey Crouse, Jr.

Of outstanding importance has been the completion, dedication, and occupancy of our new Western North Carolina Baptist Home, in Asheville. This Home, dedicated on April 29, 1979, has already been filled.

The new apartment complex in Winston-Salem, accommodating 16, has been completed and filled.

Now the six Baptist Homes for the Aging have nursing facilities and can accommodate a total of 300 persons.

Homes are located in the following places:

Asheville, Winston-Salem, Yanceyville, Hamilton and Albemarle

HOME MISSIONS
F. Ray Rummage, Jr.

To mention the achievements of the Home Mission Board over the past year would be impossible. While it is perhaps possible to call attention to most changes in programing, personnel, and financial support, only time will tell the full impact on the lives of people throughout our nation.

The Home Mission Board has been involved in extensive work in our Bold Mission effort. With the help of other Southern Baptist groups, the Home Mission Board began work in 156 counties during the past two years. The 34th State Baptist Convention was formed during 1978 in Nevada.

The Home Mission Board effectively used more than 21,600 volunteers during 1978. Young people were actively involved with mission youth groups. Adults participated in short-term Christian Service Corps, Church Extension, Language Missions, and Interfaith Witness.

What does the Home Mission Board do? Most of those who are actively involved in the work of Southern Baptist do not realize the full range of services and ministries of our Home Mission Board. Loans to churches in 1978 reached $18,114,904. In 1978 the Board assisted in constituting 198 churches. Added to this were 897 Bible study fellowships and 152 church-type missions.

The Home Missions effort in 1978 was extensive. It included Pioneer Mission efforts as well as efforts to support established churches. The Home Mission Board Office in Atlanta has 275 employees, with two positions added in 1978. There were 159 persons appointed to the home missionary force in 1978. There are 2,830 persons working as Home Missionaries.

The year of 1978 also saw a significant increase in financial support. The $13 million Annie Armstrong Offering Goal was not reached. To this Offering our churches gave $12,282,227. With $11,489,194 from the Cooperative Program, the $25,279,805 total was 17.5% above the 1977 total.

HOSPITAL

During the past year a 38-bed rehabilitation unit has opened to offer short-term services and family instruction to the disabled. The chief beneficiaries of this program are patients with strokes, arthritis, burns, long-term casts, joint replacement surgery, brain tumors, spinal cord injuries, hand injuries, and some cardiac problems.

A new six-bed burn unit is scheduled to open soon. This unit will permit the isolation of burn patients in a location where all required services are immediately available.

Another new ministry is a program of home visitation for children with cancer and their families. A team consisting of physicians, nurses, a psychologist and chaplains ministers to families during three critical periods: when a child has received a recent diagnosis of cancer, when a child is terminally ill, when a child has recently died.

Our chaplains lead worship services in Davis Chapel, which are relayed to all patient rooms by closed-circuit television. They also provide a pastoral ministry to patients, their families and to staff members; provide more than 15,000 hours of personal counselling annually; offer personal growth and enrichment events to hundreds of clergy and lay persons each year; and conduct the largest program of clinical pastoral education in the world.

Our hospital staff members have been working with representatives from other denominational agencies and with leaders of the Baptist State Convention to promote the North Carolina Missions Offering. The hospital looks forward to receiving its share of this offering, as gifts from the churches in the fiscal year ending June 30 were $196,516, as compared to $388,122 in the preceeding fiscal year.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Ron Richardson

During the past year the Missions Committee has worked with the Mt. Anderson Church in exploring the possibility of missions work in the Terrell vicinity. A Bible Study Group is meeting weekly in a private home now. We will continue to evaluate the need and support this endeavor.

Our Association in cooperation with the Gaston and Kings Mtn. Associations and the Baptist State Convention is seeking to implement a ministry to the migrants who live and work during the summer months in western Lincoln County. We will be advising the churches how they can assist in this vital ministry.

Another item of concern has been the refugees in Southeast Asia. The Missions Committee has been instructed by the Executive Committee to explore what is involved in the sponsoring of refugee families and to make a report. We will be doing this in the future.

MUSIC
Lois Walters

1. Eight persons from our Association participated in a Music Directors Course held at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Shelby, and sponsored by the Kings Mtn. Association. Dr. Phil Perrin from Gardner-Webb College taught the twelve-hour course.

2. Saturday, March 3, Music Directors and Accompanist had a dutch treat breakfast at the Lincoln House with Dr. Perrin speaking concerning music in congregational worship. Twenty-five people attended.

3. August 9, 10, 11 - Choral Clinic held for Music Directors at Boger City Baptist Church, sponsored by Gardner-Webb College. One hour continuing credit was earned with 30% of our churches participating.

4. August 27-28, Key Leadership Conference with 14 Music Directors attending one of the two sessions.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
B. J. Morris

Parliamentarian .....Daniel A. Featherstone, Jr.
Historian.....Ann Keener
Director of Media Center.....Gay Deaton
Trustee, Chairman.....Julius Sherrill
Trustee.....Bill Beard
Trustee.....David Ross
Sunday School Director.....Carolyn Baker
Vacation Bible School Director.....Ron Richardson
Adult Director.....Ronald Finger
Youth Director.....Shirley Alexander
Children's Director.....Rachel Ballenger
Pre-School Director.....Lyn B. Owen
Church Training Director.....James F. Collette
Brotherhood Director.....Dean Wray
President of Baptist Men.....John P. Smith
Royal Ambassador Director.....David Hoffman
Music Director.....Roger Worley
Deacon Director.....Howard Smith
Seminary Extension Representative.....Foyd Bennett
Christian Social Ministry Representative.....Don Knight
Christian Life & Public Affairs Representative.....Lou Bryant
Energy Consultant.....Wade Mosteller

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

Three Years (1979-1982)	Joyce Houser	Richard Williams
Chairman	Frances Armstrong	

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

American Bible Society	-	Kenneth Gibson
Annuity Board	-	Fred A. Carpenter
Baptist Foundation	-	Harold L. Brown
Children's Homes	-	Loyd Spencer
Christian Action League	-	Carolyn Baker
Christian Education	-	Walter Adams
Christian Literature	-	Albert C. Helms, Jr.
Homes for the Aging	-	Dewey Crouse, Jr.
Hospital	-	Dr. Maurice Cannady
South Mountain Camp	-	Paul Crotts
(Executive Committee Representatives)		Robert Wise
		Ned Setzer
Stewardship	-	Hartwell Condrey
Foreign Missions	-	Robert A. Cantwell
Home Missions	-	F. Ray Rummage, Jr.
State Missions	-	Harold R. King

ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Dewey Price

The following were recommended for ordination by the Ordination Committee of the South Fork Baptist Association and ordained by their respective churches:

Rev. Roger Worley, First Baptist Church, Maiden, NC
Rev. William Underwood, East Maiden Baptist Church, Maiden, NC
Rev. Larry Saunders, Olivet Baptist Church, Catawba, NC
Rev. Odell Wilcox, David Memorial Baptist Church, Lincolnton, NC

SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION
Truitt Beard

The Scholarship Commission has been active during 1978-1979. One loan application was received and granted. The loan was granted to a ministerial student attending Gardner-Webb College.

The Commission reviewed all loans and discussed alternatives to proceed to recover outstanding balances.

Through the South Fork "Post", an appeal was made to churches to consider the Scholarship Fund in their church budget for 1980.

RECOMMENDATION: *That the name of the Scholarship Commission be changed to Student Assistance.*

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP
Paul Crotts

It was thrilling to observe the Lord Jesus changing the lives of campers and visitors this year at camp.

To God be the glory and thanks to members of our staff who were used of God to aid 959 who made decisions for Christ. This included 349 saved, 571 rededications, and 39 for special service. There were 1,190 who promised to pray 15 minutes daily for World Missions.

Prayer, Christian Growth, and World Missions Involvement were emphasized daily.

Many thanks to churches and individuals who continually aid us financially. This is an investment that will pay great dividends until Jesus comes.

The Executive Committee of the camp employed Tom Lineberger on a full time basis January 1, 1979. We will need financial support from more of our churches to help with this addition to the staff.

Repair work was done on our road this year. The Chapel and other buildings were painted. Additional painting and improvements need to be made soon.

Thanks again for your continued prayers and financial help.

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
Harold King

The State Missions Offering has for a long time played a vital role in missions within our state. Special projects are supported by these funds that would have to be left undone if they were dependent upon Cooperative Program money only.

Beginning this year, the State Missions Offering is a part of the combined North Carolina Missions Offering. The State Missions portion is thirty per cent - $600,000. Last year the churches of our Association gave about $12,000 to the State Missions Offering. Hopefully this will be increased because of the new approach of combining the offerings. These special projects, many of which affect us directly, will be continued - and perhaps others can be added as the offerings increase.

STEWARDSHIP
Hartwell Condrey

Thank you for your participation in the Bold Mission Conference in our Association this year. Interest and participation has been good all across our state. There were conferences conducted in 60 Associations in 1978 with 1,071 persons attending. This year there has been 67 Associational Conferences with 1,470 persons in attendance.

In 1980, plans are being made for the stewardship presentation to be a part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration. A Stewardship Packet will be presented to the pastors attending the daytime sessions.

Also, in 1980 there will be a Stewardship Conference as a part of the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest.for the Associational Stewardship Chairman that he might be able to assist you better.

In 1981, plans are also being layed for other conferences on stewardship for the pastors. The emphasis will be on Church Stewardship Development. We hope you will take advantage of each of these opportunities as they become available to you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Carolyn L. Baker

North Carolina Bold Mission Thrust - The idea of Bold Mission Thrust lives! But how alive is it? SBC President Jimmy Allen has wisely said: "We're now at the critical moment of whether we will take Bold Missions Thrust and go - the decision making time - the tooling up time is over. If we go back to the field to tend the flock or back to the fishing nets, Bold Mission Thrust will go the way so many other programs of the SBC have gone..."

How alive? Only as alive as you make it. Its success will depend upon three things:

(1) How deep is our commitment to biblical missions;
(2) How willing are we to make Bold Mission Thrust part of the local church programs; and
(3) How much are we willing to give of ourselves.

"Where there is no vision the people perish..." (Proverbs 29:18), but where there is vision the people flourish. Making Bold Mission Thrust a reality will require bold praying, bold planning, and bold action. Bold planning will turn the dream into tasks. Bold praying and bold action will provide the dynamic to see the tasks accomplished. Using this guide and background material provided by your State Convention will help your church in making this dream a reality.

The Vacation Bible School Team attended the training conference at Ridgecrest in March and then a very successful VBS Clinic was held on April 9 at Boger City Baptist Church. Team leaders were: Director - Ron Richardson; Adults - Ronald Finger; Youth - Shirley Alexander; Younger Children - Helen Helms; Middle Children - Roger Worley; Older Children - Rachel Ballenger; Middle Preschoolers - Judy Miller; Older Preschoolers - Lyn Owen. Before the VBS Clinic was held, a VBS literature interpretation workshop was given.

In May the Key Leadership Team went to the training session at Ridgecrest, and the Key Leadership Conference in the Association was held in August. The Sunday School session was led by Janice Haywood of the State Convention and me.

A Sunday School Leadership Conference was held in September at River View Baptist Church. Major emphasis was on the "Working With.." series along with literature interpretation. Attendance was good and other leadership conferences are to be offered during the coming year for the various age levels.

1978-1979 Sunday School Team
Carolyn Baker, Director
Ron Richardson, VBS Director
Ronald Finger, Adult Director
Shirley Alexander, Youth Director
Rachel Ballenger, Children's Director
Lyn Owen, Preschool Director

TREASURER'S REPORT
Mrs. J. E. Helms

Beginning Balance - October 1, 1978			$ 7,434.46
RECEIPTS:	Church Contributions	$39,470.34	
	Annuals	828.00	
	N.C. Withholding Tax	165.06	
	State Tax Refund	77.08	40,540.48
TOTAL CASH			$47,974.94
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Director of Missions Salary	12,000.00	
	Car Allowance	2,750.00	
	Denominational Meetings	200.00	
	Retirement Plan	1,100.00	
	Hospital Insurance	851.47	
	Life Insurance	398.89	
	Home Utilities	145.21	
	Home Telephone	45.74	
	Home Upkeep & Repair	125.00	
	Office Supplies, Postage	1,645.55	
	Office Utilities	847.58	
	Office Telephone	339.25	
	Office Secretary	4,215.00	
	Janitor/Supplies	870.11	
	Building Maintenance	191.93	
	Christmas Bonuses	300.00	
	Insurance	454.00	
	Clerk	350.00	
	Treasurer	350.00	
	Annual Meeting	406.35	
	Social Security	441.66	
	Annuals	300.00	
	Loan Repayments	6,015.72	
	Sunday School	262.79	
	Church Training	85.00	
	W.M.U.	682.52	
	Brotherhood	67.76	
	Music	25.00	
	Audio-Visual Aids	55.02	
	Miscellaneous	4,972.63	
	Housing Allowance	2,866.64	
	Annuals	712.96	
	N.C.Withholding Tax	165.06	
	Modules	77.08	44,315.92
Balance on hand - September 30, 1979			$ 3,659.02
Summary of Cash:	Budget	3,417.41	
	Annuals	241.61	
			$ 3,659.02

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES
October 1, 1978 - September 30, 1979

Amity	$ 1,352.00
Antioch	874.59
Bethel	360.00
Boger City	1,350.00
Calvary	1,000.00
Cedar Grove	150.00
Center View	770.03
Craig Memorial	1,193.55
Crouse	382.55
David Memorial	75.00
East Maiden	920.00
Faith	1,200.00
Fellowship	710.00
Friendly Chapel	826.95
Gainsville	1,566.21
Howard's Creek	17.00
Hudson Chapel	200.00
Hull's Grove	1,630.33
Lawing's Chapel	700.00
Leonard's Fork	225.00
Lincoln Avenue	2,465.00
Lincolnton, First	1,950.00
Long Shoals	225.00
Macedonia	943.36
Maiden, First	2,750.04
Massapoag	50.00
Mathis Chapel	140.00
Mt. Anderson	1,000.00
Mt. Ruhama	1,404.00
Mt. Zion	982.91
Mountain View	1,500.00
New Hope	240.00
North Brook	550.00
Oak Grove	727.15
Olivet	604.34
Pearl	854.40
Piney Grove	523.82
Reepsville	1,500.00
River View	1,313.24
Roseland	372.56
Salem	1,275.00
Sharon	538.84
Southside	1,034.47
Temple	50.00
Webb's Chapel	249.00
Westport	724.00
Total Receipts from churches	$39,470.34

TRUSTEES REPORT
Julius Sherrill

ASSETS:	Office	$49,584.79	
	Home	35,350.00	
	Office Equipment	6,156.02	
	Cash - Checking	3,659.02	
	Missions Acct.	6,086.34	
	Scholarship	2,788.99	
Total Assets		$103,625.16	
LIABILITIES:	Loan-First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.		17,256.47
NET RESOURCES			$86,368.69

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Joy G. Keever

The annual BAPTIST WOMEN Banquet was held on November 3, 1978, at Cross Country Campgrounds with Nancy Curtis, North Carolina WMU Executive Director as guest speaker. Three hundred ninety-six people gathered for this occasion making it the largest attendance ever for our banquet!

BAPTIST WOMEN also enjoyed a Prayer Breakfast on May 5, 1979, at the Lincoln House. Mrs. Adair Cantwell was the speaker.

The annual BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN Banquet was held April 12, 1979, in the social hall of First Baptist Church, Lincolnton. Mrs. Marian Grant of Raleigh was guest speaker and Milton Sigmon was soloist. The theme for the banquet was "Joy in Service".

ACTEENS from our Association prepared a booth for the State Acteens Convention at Ridgecrest to promote prayer and prayer retreats.

The theme for the Spring Acteens meeting was "Inner Beauty--Outer Beauty". Features of the meeting were a fashion show, tips on make-up and jewelry, special music, testimonies and a message on "Inner Beauty". "Acteen Round-Up" was the theme for the September meeting at Salem Church.

Approximately one hundred seventy-five attended the GIRLS IN ACTION Banquet at East Maiden Church on November 16, 1978. Donnie Solesbee, a student at Gardner-Webb College, illustrated his message with beautiful chalk art.

GA Day Camp at South Mountain Camp on August 11, 1979, was attended by more than one hundred fifty girls and leaders. A highlight of the day was a musical program by New Covenant Singers from First Baptist Church of Drexel.

An association-wide Home Mission Study was held at Macedonia Church on February 13, with Mt. Zion ladies serving as co-host. The following books were taught: "California Journey" (Adults), Dr. Marian Humes; "California Journey (Youth) Shirley Alexander; "The Very Best Plan" (Older Children) Melody Campbell; "Honk! Here Comes The Church" (Younger Children) Dot Calvin and Cindy Crouse; "Someone Like Me" (Mission Friends) Alice Beidleman.

"To Live, To Give" was the theme for the Annual WMU Meeting held on April 3, 1979, at Antioch Church. Volunteers from our Association who have participated in Christian Service Corp and Resort Missions shared some of their experiences. Mrs. Jean Phillips, Missionary to Rhodesia brought a very challenging message.

Associational WMU Officers were overjoyed when 200 ladies attended our WMU Leadership Conference on September 18, 1979, at Boger City. We sensed a fresh spirit of commitment and excitement on the part of WMU Leaders, which is most encouraging!

What a joy it is to be involved in sharing Christ to the ends of the earth through Woman's Missionary Union.

WMU OFFICERS - 1979-1980

Mrs. Joy Keever, W.M.U.Director
Mrs. Martha Campbell, Mission Support Director
Mrs. Helen Helms, Mission Study Director
Mrs. Helen Harrill, Secretary and Treasurer
Mrs. Betty Setzer, Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Carolyn Baker, Assistant Baptist Women Director
Mrs. Milly Clark, Baptist Young Women Director
Mrs. Margie Cline, Assistant Baptist Young Women Director
Mrs. Shirley Alexander, Acteen Director
Mrs. Frances Armstrong, Assistant Acteen Director
Mrs. Dot Calvin, Girls in Action Director
Mrs. Hazel King, Assistant Girls in Action Director
Mrs. Betty Gilleland, Mission Friends Director
Mrs. Effie Hawkins, Assistant Mission Friends Director

"OUR BELOVED DEAD"

AMITY
- Mrs. Cora Abernathy
- Mrs. Mary Ballard
- Mrs. Libby Ingle

ANTIOCH
- Mrs. Julia Martin
- Mrs. Lois Martin
- Mr. Dewey Sherrill

BOGER CITY
- Mrs. Etta Clanton
- Mr. Carl Helms
- Mr. Raymond Yates Lawing, Jr.
- Deacon Charlie B. Saunders
- Mrs. Carrie Bradshaw Smith

CALVARY
- Mr. Howard Emory
- Mr. Marshall Gilbert
- Mrs. Bessie White

CEDAR GROVE
- Mr. Ed Grindstaff
- Mr. Ray Lutz

CENTER VIEW
- Mrs. Ella Painter (Charter Member)
- Mr. Jim Painter
- Mr. Ernest Turbyfill

CRAIG MEMORIAL
- Mr. Ernest Barber

EAST MAIDEN
- Mr. John Williams

FAITH
- Mr. Timothy Hunsucker
- Mr. J.C. Preston

FELLOWSHIP
- Mr. Donald Lail

LAWING'S CHAPEL
- Mrs. Fred Cline
- Mr. Lamar Wright

LEONARD'S FORK
- G. C. Wray (Ordained Minister)

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mr. James Finley
Mrs. Cleta Hallman

LINCOLNTON, FIRST
Mrs. Elizabeth Laney
Mr. Bobby Lynch
Mrs. J. L. Proctor
Mrs. Marion Ramsey
Mr. Martin Whisnant

LONG SHOALS
Mrs. Verna Hester

MACEDONIA
Mr. Roosevelt V. Guiton
Miss Patricia Q. Howard
Mrs. Dezzie McAlister

MAIDEN, FIRST
Mr. W. B. Beal
Mrs. Tom (Pearl) Carpenter
Mr. Clifton Hewitt
Mr. Clyde Lawing

MATHIS CHAPEL
Mr. Fred Broom

MT. ANDERSON
Mrs. Bill Hannon

MT. RUHAMA
Mr. Albert Caldwell
Mrs. Clifton Caldwell
Mrs. Clinton W. Caldwell
Mrs. John Caldwell
Mrs. E. A. Ervin
Miss Myrtle Ervin
Mr. George Houk
Mr. Loye Scronce

MOUNTAIN VIEW
Mr. Charles Crowder
Mrs. Anna R. Gilleland
Mr. Doras F. (Bud) Puntch
Mrs. Jennie H. Reinhardt

NORTH BROOK
Mrs. Essie Bolick
Mr. Bobbie Bolick
Mr. Bus Haynes
Mr. Everette Lackey
Mr. Clive Ross

OAK GROVE
Mr. Cecil Carl Mull
Mr. Willie F. Turner

OLIVET
Mr. William Arndt
Mr. Clifford Felts
Mr. Guy Parker

PEARL
Mrs. Lilly Cunningham

PINEY GROVE
Mr. Michael Craver
Mrs. Lois Story Waters

REEPSVILLE
Deacon Carl Rudisell
Mr. Luther Helms

RIVER VIEW
Mr. Howard Allran
Mr. Charlie Lanier

SALEM
Mr. Fred Avery
Mr. Houston Keever

SHARON
Deacon Walter Clanton
Mr. Logan Nantz

SOUTHSIDE
Mr. Claude Brown
Mrs. Hattie Mae Eurey
Mrs. Dessie Jones
O.M. William CJustice
Deacon Jesse Daniel Morrison

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1978*	1979**	Gain or Loss
Total Baptisms	271	252	(19)
Additions by letter, etc.	320	340	20
Total Membership	12,571	13,793	1,222
S. S. Enrollment	8,507	8,788	281
VBS Enrollment	3,641	4,091	450
C. T. Enrollment	2,126	2,227	101
WMU Enrollment	2,059	2,174	115
Brotherhood Enrollment	1,172	1,074	(98)
Church Music Enrollment	1,922	2,102	180
Total Receipts	2,458,097	2,732,696	274,599
Cooperative Program Gifts	196,309	240,099	43,790
Total Mission Gifts	404,134	491,845	87,711
Gifts to Association	38,071	39,470	1,399

*1978 is based on 41 of 45 churches

**1979 is based on 45 of 47 churches

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Calendar of Events

1979

OCTOBER	3	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	7	NATIONAL ADULT START-A-CLASS SUNDAY
	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	9	*Pastors' Wives*
	10	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	12-13	STATEWIDE DEACONS RETREAT, CARAWAY
		CRUSADER R.A. CAMP, CARAWAY
	14	BIBLICAL RECORDER DAY
		W.M.U. Council
	17	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	19-20	CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT, RIDGECREST
		SENIOR MEN'S RETREAT, CARAWAY
	23	*Annual Meeting - First Baptist Church, Lincolnton*
	24	*Annual Meeting - Lawing's Chapel, Maiden*
		COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
	25	*G. A. Activity - Macedonia Baptist Church*
	26-27	BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN CONVENTION, RIDGECREST
		PIONEER R.A. OFFICERS WORKSHOP, CARAWAY
	31	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS
NOVEMBER	1	*Baptist Women Banquet*
	2- 3	STATEWIDE CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS/PASTORS CONFERENCE,GREENSBORO
	4-10	ROYAL AMBASSADOR WEEK
	8	*Acteen Foreign Missions Emphasis*
	9-10	MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT, CARAWAY
	10-11	N. C. BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION
	11	AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY DAY
	12-14	BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, WINSTON-SALEM
	16-17	CRUSADER R.A. CONGRESS
		ASSOCIATIONAL ACTEENS COUNCIL TRAINING, MUNDO VISTA
	18-21	FOREIGN MISSIONS STUDY
	19	*Pastors' Conference*
	20	*Pastors' Wives*
	22	THANKSGIVING
	26	"M" *Night*
DECEMBER	2- 9	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
	9	FOREIGN MISSIONS DAY
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Board
	15	*G.A. Christmas Caroling*
	25	CHRISTMAS
	30	STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS

PROPOSED CALENDAR
1980

JANUARY	1	NEW YEAR'S DAY
	7-8	RESORT MISSIONS (CARAWAY)
	8	*Executive Committee*
	7-11	JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WEEK - BOOK OF PHILLIPIANS
	11-12	HOME MISSIONS TEACHER TRAINING (BROTHERHOOD-CARAWAY)
	11	*Pastors' & Wives' Drop-in(Home of Director of Missions)*
	13	*WMU Council*
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	15	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Council
	20	BAPTIST MEN'S DAY
	24-25	AREA CHURCH TRAINING ENABLER CONFERENCE(HICKORY)
	25-26	LAY WITNESS ANNUAL MEETING (CARAWAY)
	27	*Associational Hymn Sing*
	28-30	YOUTH MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP (CARAWAY)
FEBRUARY	4-5	STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE (GREENSBORO)
	10-17	WMU FOCUS WEEK
	11	*Pastors' Conference*
	12	*Pastors' Wives*
		Executive Committee
		Home Mission Study
		MIGRANT MISSIONS CONFERENCE (ROSEBORO)
	18	DOCTRINE OF MISSIONS AREA SEMINAR (ASHEVILLE)
	19	*Brotherhood Meeting*
	22-24	BAPTIST MEN'S RETREAT (CARAWAY)
	22-24	HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS'' RETREAT
	25	*Evangelism Clinic-Bold Revival Preparation*
	26	ENERGY CONSERVATION CONFERENCE (ROCKY MOUNT)
	29-Mar 1	STATE DAY CAMP WORKSHOP (MUNDO VISTA)
	29-Mar 1	STATE BELL FESTIVALS
MARCH	2-9	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS
	6	CHURCH GROWTH EXTENSION CONFERENCE (LEXINGTON)
	6	VBS CLINIC (FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LINCOLNTON)
	7-8	DAY CAMP WORKSHOP (WEST)
	7-8	LANGUAGE MISSIONS CONFERENCE
	7-8	STATE YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL
	9-15	YOUTH WEEK
	10	*Pastors' Conference*
	11	*Pastors' Wives*
		Executive Committee
		Associational General Board
	14-15	WMU ANNUAL SESSION (WINSTON-SALEM)
	14-16	STATE PIONEER RA CONGRESS
	15	*Associational Youth Night*
	16	*Gardner-Webb Ministerial Day*
	17	*Sunday School Curriculum Workshop*
	18-19	GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE MINISTERS CONFERENCE
	20	*Baptist Young Womens' Banquet*
	21-22	STATE ADULT CHOIR FESTIVALS
	24-28	CHURCHMANSHIP SEMINAR (CARAWAY)
	28-29	RA CAMP CRAFT TRAINING (OLD CARAWAY)

MARCH (Cont'd)	28-30	BSU SPRING CONFERENCE
	29	WEEKDAY EARLY EDUCATION WORKSHOP (WESTERN AREA)
	31	*MISSION RALLY - 150th Anniversary of Associational Missions*
APRIL	1	*WMU Annual Meeting (Boger City Baptist Church)*
	6	EASTER SUNDAY
	8	*Associational Executive Committee*
	11-12	CHURCH MEDIA CENTER/LIBRARY CONFERENCE (ASHEVILLE)
	11-13	ACTEENS QUEENS COURT (RIDGECREST)
	12	REGIONAL CHOIR FESTIVALS
	13	*WMU Council*
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	14-15	*VBS Clinic (repeat) Boger City Baptist-Mt. Ruhama*
	15	*Pastors' Wives*
	14-16	N.C. BAPTIST MUSIC CONFERENCE (CARAWAY)
	18-19	WEEKEND RA CAMP GRADES 4-6 (CARAWAY)
	18-20	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND (CARAWAY)
	19	BAPTIST MEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
		Baptist Men's Prayer Breakfast
	20	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY
	20-25	BAPTIST DOCTRINE WEEK
	25-26	BAPTIST WOMENS' RETREAT (CASWELL)
	25-26	BAPTIST YOUTH CONVENTION
	25-26	WEEKEND RA CAMP (Grades 1-3) (CARAWAY)
	25-27	ASSOC.& SPECIAL AGE GROUP LEADER TRAINING-SUNDAY SCHOOL-
	25-27	FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND (CARAWAY) (CARAWAY)
	28-29	*Family Life Conference*
MAY	2-3	BYW RETREAT (MUNDO VISTA)
	2-4	RA COUNSELORS BACKPACKING WEEKEND
	5	*Brotherhood Meeting*
	* 6	*Acteen Activity*
	8-10	YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP (CARAWAY
	10	*Associational Choir Festival*
	11	MOTHER'S DAY
	12	Pastors' Conference
	13	*Pastors' Wives*
	12-14	KEY LEADERSHIP TRAINING (RIDGECREST)
	13	*Associational Executive Committee*
	16-17	LITERACY CONFERENCE (WINSTON-SALEM)
	16-17	STATE RA TRACK MEET
	16-18	DEAF YOUTH RETREAT (CARAWAY)
	19	*Childrens' Workers Training*
	20	*Associational Council*
	20-22	SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE (CARAWAY)
	23-24	STATE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES CONFERENCE
	23-25	ACTEENS MINI CAMP (MUNDO VISTA)
	23-25	YOUTH MINISTRY SEMINAR (SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY)
	24	CHILDRENS' BIBLE DRILL,YOUTH BIBLE DRILL,YOUTH SPEAKERS TOURNAMENTS (FRUITLAND)
	24	*Baptist Women Activity*
	25-31	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
	26	*Orientation for Migrant Ministry*
	30-June 1	ACTEENS MINI CAMP (MUNDO VISTA)
	* 6	*Pastor/Sunday School Director Workshop*

JUNE	3-9	ORIENTATION FOR SUMMER WORKERS
	6-7	ACTEENS LEADERS RETREAT (MUNDO VISTA)
	7	CHILDRENS' BIBLE DRILL,YOUTH BIBLE DRILL,YOUTH SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT, NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY (CT)
	8-9	WMU, SBC, ANNUAL MEETING (ST. LOUIS)
	10-12	SBC (ST. LOUIS)
	14	*RA Field Day*
	15	FATHERS' DAY
	16	*Pastors' Conference*
	16-21	CHURCH TRAINING WEEK AT NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
	17	*Associational Executive Committee*
		Associational General Board
	23-28	CHILDRENS' CHOIR CAMP-YOUTH WEEK-NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
	30-July 5	YOUTH MINISTRY WEEK (NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)
	30-July 4	WEEK OF CHRISTIAN STUDY & FELLOWSHIP (MARS HILL COLLEGE)
JULY	3-16	WMU TOUR,BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE,(TORONTO,CANADA)
	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
	7-11	CHILDRENS' CHOIR CAMP (MARS HILL COLLEGE)
	7-11	YOUTH MUSIC WEEK (TRUETT CAMP)
	7-12	WORLD MISSIONS WEEK (NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)
	8	*Associational Executive Committee*
	13	*WMU Council*
	14	*Pastors' Conference*
	14-19	YOUTH CONFERENCE I, NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY
	15	*Associational Council*
	21-26	YOUTH-ADULT MUSIC CONFERENCE (NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)
	28-Aug 2	YOUTH CONFERENCE II (NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)
AUGUST	2-8	WMU CONFERENCE(RIDGECREST)
	4-9	YOUTH CONFERENCE III (NC BAPTIST ASSEMBLY)
	9	*GA Activity*
	6-12	SBC WMU CONFERENCE (RIDGECREST)
	11	*Pastors' Conference*
	11-13	LITERACY TRAINING WORKSHOP (FAYETTEVILLE)
	11-15	YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CHOIR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
	12	*Associational Executive Committee*
	15	YOUTH EVANGELISM NIGHT (GREENSBORO COLISEUM)
	18	*Brotherhood Meeting*
	18-19	*Associational Music Training*
	22-23	WMU ASSOCIATIONAL WORKSHOP (MUNDO VISTA)
	22-23	LAY WITNESS TRAINING SESSION (CARAWAY)
	25	*Associational Key Leadership Conference*
	26	*Associational Key Leadership Conference*
	29-30	WMU ASSOCIATIONAL WORKSHOP (MUNDO VISTA)
	31	*Associational Hymn Sing*
SEPTEMBER	1	LABOR DAY
	5-6	WMU ASSOCIATIONAL WORKSHOP
	5-6	NC BAPTIST MEN'S BOARD (FOREIGN MISSION TEACHER TRAINING)
	7	*Associational Choir Retreat*
	7-12	REGIONAL BROTHERHOOD WORKSHOPS
	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	9	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Executive Committee

SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)	9	*Associational General Board*
	12-13	VOLUNTEER MUSIC DIRECTORS RETREAT (RIDGECREST)
	15	*Interfaith Conference*
	16	*WMU Leadership Conference*
	19-20	MINISTERS WORKSHOP (CHOWAN)
	19-20	LITERACY TRAINING CONFERENCE (RALEIGH)
	19-20	VOLUNTEER MUSIC DIRECTORS RETREAT (CARAWAY)
	19-21	BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL MEN'S RETREAT (CARAWAY)
	23	NC MISSIONS OFFERING EMPHASIS
	23	CHURCH BUILDING CONFERENCE (HIGHLAND CHURCH-HICKORY)
	23-24	NORTH-SOUTH TRACK MEET
	29	*Sunday School Preparation-Training to Reach People*
	30	NC MISSIONS OFFERING EMPHASIS
OCTOBER	1	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS IN THE CHURCHES
	6-8	YOUTH & ADULT EVANGELISM LEADERSHIP CONF. (CARAWAY)
	7	NC MISSIONS OFFERING INGATHERING
	9-10	PASTOR-MUSIC DIRECTOR WORKSHOP (CARAWAY)
	10-11	SS ALL AGE TRAINING (RIDGECREST)
	10-11	STATE WIDE DEACONS RETREAT (CARAWAY)
	10-11	YOUNGER CRUSADER RA CAMP (CAMP CARAWAY)
	12	BIBLICAL RECORDER DAY
		WMU Council
	13-15	EQUIPPING CENTER (CARAWAY)
	13	*Pastors' Conference*
	14	*Pastors' Wives*
	14-15	ACTEENS ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL TRAINING (MUNDO VISTA)
	14-16	SENIOR ADULT FALL RETREAT
	15	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS IN THE CHURCHES
	17-18	SENIOR MEN'S RETREAT-OVERSEAS MISSIONS RETREAT (CARAWAY)
	20-24	INSTRUMENTAL SEMINAR
	20-24	AREA YOUTH CHURCH TRAINING LEADER LABS
	21	*Annual Meeting (Reepsville)*
	22	*Annual Meeting (Center View)*
		COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS IN THE CHURCHES
	24-25	BYW CONVENTION (RIDGECREST)
	24-25	PIONEER RA AMBASSADOR OFFICE WORKSHOP (CARAWAY)
	27-28	REGIONAL MUSIC DIRECTORS PLAN MEETING
	28	ENERGY CONSERVATION CONFERENCE (ASHEVILLE)
	28	*Church Training Leader Conference*
	29	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS IN CHURCHES
	31-Nov 1	YOUTH COUNCIL RETREAT I (CARAWAY)
NOVEMBER	2	MENTAL RETARDATION SUNDAY
	3-4	*January Bible Study Teacher Training*
	3-9	RA WEEK
	6	*Baptist Women Banquet*
		CHURCH MISSIONS CONFERENCE (HICKORY)
	7	JANUARY BIBLE STUDY -TEACHER TRAINING CLINICS
	7-8	STATE WIDE CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS/PASTORS CONF.(HICKORY)
	7-8	YOUTH COUNCIL RETREAT II (CARAWAY)
	8-9	NC BAPTIST MEN'S CONVENTION
	10-12	BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION (GREENSBORO)
	11	*Associational Executive Committee*

NOVEMBER (Cont'd)	14-15	CRUSADER RA CONGRESS
	17	*Pastors' Conference*
		Brotherhood Meeting
	18	*Pastors' Wives*
	24	*"M" Night*
	27	THANKSGIVING DAY
	30-Dec 1	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

DECEMBER	8	*Pastors' Conference*
	9	*Pastors' Wives*
		Associational Executive Committee
		Associational General Board
	13	*GA Activity*
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
	28	STUDENT DAY AT CHRISTMAS

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OCTOBER 1979

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		EMPHASES AND ACTIVITIES: Cooperative Program. Church Budget Development: Outreach Month	

NOVEMBER 1979

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASIS: Stewardship and Budget Subscription				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Royal Ambassador Week, November 4-10						
11 American Bible Society Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Child Care Day	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
Foreign Mission Graded Series Study, November 18-21						
25	26 Associational Training Union Mtg. Night	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER 1979

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASIS AND ACTIVITY: Foreign Missions; Student Day at Christmas						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 2-9						
9 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JANUARY 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASIS: Make Your Will Month		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bible Study Week (Ephesians), January 7-11						
13 Witness Commitment Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Baptist Men's Day	28	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASIS: Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools					1	2
3 Baptist World Alliance Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Race Relations Sunday	11	12	13	14	15	16
WMU Focus Week, February 10-16						
17 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
Home Mission Graded Series Study, February 17-20						
24	25	26	27	28	29	

MARCH 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASIS: Home Missions						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 2-9						
9 Home Missions Day in Sunday School	10	11	12	13	14	15 Associational Baptist Youth Night
Youth Week, March 9-16						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

APRIL 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Jewish Fellowship Week April 14-20				
20 Cooperative Program Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Baptist Doctrine Study April 21-25				
27 Life Commitment Sunday	28	29	30	EMPHASES Life Commitment and Church Vocations Church Libraries		

MAY 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASES Hospital Ministries and Vacations Annual Church Council Planning				1	2	3
4 Senior Adult Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
			Christian Home Week May 4-11			
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Baptist Radio and Television Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Associational Emphasis Week May 19-25			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 Religious Liberty Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 WMU Annual Meeting St. Louis, Missouri, June 8-9	10 Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, Missouri, June 10-12	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Christian Citizenship Sunday	30	EMPHASES AND ACTIVITIES Annuity Board Ministries Baptist Heritage Planning by Church Organizations and Leadership Training Vacation Bible Schools Conferences Glorieta and Ridgecrest				

JULY 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASES Christian Literature State Papers, Denominational Publications, and Missionary Magazines; Conferences Glorieta and Ridgecrest		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Baptist World Congress Toronto, July 8-13				
13 Christian Literature Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASES On-to-College Day Conferences Glorieta and Ridgecrest					1	2
3	4	5	6 World Hunger Day	7	8	9
10 Language Missions Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Church Music Week August 24-31			

SEPTEMBER 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Brotherhood Leadership Week September 7-13				
14	15	16 Associational Sunday School Leadership Night	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	EMPHASES AND ACTIVITIES Foundations Southern Baptist and State Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted by states) State Missions Day in Sunday School and Offering (Sunday following Season of Prayer) Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following college openings)			
		Sunday School Preparation Week, September 28-October 5				

OCTOBER 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASES AND ACTIVITIES: Cooperative Program; Church Budget Development, Outreach Month			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
EMPHASIS: Stewardship and Budget Subscription						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Royal Ambassador Week, November 2-8			
9 American Bible Society Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Foreign Mission Graded Series Study, November 16-19				
23 Child Care Day 30	24 Associational Training Union "M" Night	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29

DECEMBER 1980

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 30-December 7			
7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31	EMPHASIS AND ACTIVITY Foreign Missions, Student Day at Christmas		

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South Fork Baptist Association

107th ANNUAL MEETING

Theme: "Tell the Good News!"

Monday, October 21, 1985
North Brook Baptist Church
Cherryville, North Carolina

Ray Rummage, Presiding

5:45-6:15	Registration	
6:00	Prelude	Candice & Jackie Reep
6:15	Devotion and Prayer	Bill Bigham
6:25	Organization and Order of Business	
	Welcome	Smoot Baker
	Recognition of Visitors	Ray Rummage
	Introduction of New Workers	Glain Pennell
	Hymn No. 288	Congregation
6:40	Reports and Miscellaneous Business	
	Treasurer	Elliott Loftin
	Finance Committee	Neil Mullen
	Program Committee	Phil Campbell
6:55	Message in Music	
	"Go Ye" and	First Baptist Choir,
	"Who Will Be My Witness"	Lincolnton
7:00	Scripture Reading	Harold King
	Annual Sermon	William King
7:30	Break	
8:10	Piano Solo "Tell the Good News"	Rose Mary Ball
8:20	Children's Home Emphasis	Michael Blackwell
8:35	Introduction of Speaker	Ray Rummage
	Special Music-	First Baptist Choir,
	"People Need the Lord"	Lincolnton
	(Charles Holland-Soloist)	
8:45	Missionary Address	Tommy Stevens
9:15	Benediction	Lawrence Robertson

GOOD NEWS AMERICA,
GOD LOVES YOU.

Tuesday, October 22, 1985
North Brook Baptist Church
Cherryville, North Carolina

Raymond Hamrick, Presiding

5:45-6:15	Registration	
6:00	Prelude	Candice Reep & Jackie Reep
6:15	Devotion and Prayer	Wayne Haynes
6:25	Welcome	Smoot Baker
	Recognition of Visitors	Raymond Hamrick
	Hymn No. 288 (Stanza 4)	Congregation
	Hymn No. 277	
6:35	Reports and Miscellaneous Business	
	Election of New Officers	
	Executive Committee	Neil Mullen
	Nominating Committee	Virginia Wright
	Committee on Committees	Blair Wilkinson
	Memorials	Harold Lindsey
7:10	Doctrine of Salvation	Garry Baldwin
7:40	Break	
8:10	Music - "All That I Am"	Martha Drum
8:15	Recognitions:	
	Clerks	Shirley Alexander
	Music	Harold Caldwell, Jr.
	Seminary Extension	Harold King
	Sunday School	Glain Pennell
	Director of Mission's Remarks	Glain Pennell
8:35	Introduction of Speaker	Raymond Hamrick
8:40	Special Music "People Need The Lord"	Martha Drum
8:45	Message	J. W. Hutchens
9:15	Benediction	Rusty Rector

Moderator - Ray Rummage
Vice-Moderator - Raymond Hamrick
Clerk - Shirley Alexander
Music Director - Harold Caldwell, Jr.
Parliamentarian - Kermit Caldwell
Director of Missions - Glain S. Pennell

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
Cecil Parker

The American Bible Society reached a major milestone in 1984, distributing its four billionth Scripture, and the Southern Baptist Convention has had a vital role in this major achievement. It is with deepest gratitude for your support that ABS submits its report.

We praise the Lord for reports coming to us from over 180 countries around the world. ABS and its 99 partners in the United Bible Societies are involved in translating the Word of God in 562 languages.

Here are just a few of the many highlights of Scripture advance during 1984 in countries where Southern Baptists are active in mission:

- In Kenya, distribution reached a total of over a half million Bibles, Testaments, Scripture Portions and Scripture Selections.
- In Nigeria, distribution figures were over 322,000 for the year. There are present critical needs in Nigeria for increased supplies of Bibles.
- In Indonesia, several million Scriptures were distributed to children and students alone in the "Year of the Child".
- In the Philippines, 5,873,791 Scriptures were distributed among those hungry for the truth of His Word. The churches in the Philippines are attempting to provide God's Word to every Filipino family. Hundreds of thousands of New Testaments are needed.
- In Brazil, there is a concerted effort to provide New Reader Scriptures for the country's 23 million school-age children.
- In Mexico, almost 13 million Scriptures were distributed this past year in a variety of special programs.
- In the United States ABS distributed 114,458,279 Scriptures last year. New Testaments came to more than 3.2 million copies, an increase over the previous year. The distribution of New Reader Scriptures, a special series created so that people may read the Bible while they are learning to read, rose by more than 20 percent. We give thanks that we were able to work closely with Scripture mission projects sponsored by the Southern Baptist Mission Boards, state conventions and regional associations and local churches. Through these integral parts of the Convention, thousands upon thousands of Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture Portions were placed in the hands of Christians and evangelized. An example of what can happen when the Word of God is shared was related to ABS in a letter from the Ministry of Criminal Justice in Carbondale, Illinois. "We appreciate so much the support you are giving us as we try to reach out to several thousand prisoners....Many of these have been led to faith, and many have been finding the Scriptures that you sent helpful in establishing them in the faith."

SPECIAL PROGRAMS OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

"Share the Word" Program... its purpose is to provide Christians in churches with the opportunity to share God's Word with others.

Volunteers...Almost 14,000 of these are specially designated Church Representatives who keep their pastors and congregations aware of the services of ABS and of the Scriptures available.

Ethnic Outreach, Bible-a-Month Club, Planning for the future...There are real challenges in distribution, and new opportunities are presenting themselves constantly. 1985 will be a year of intensive planning not only for ABS but for Bible Societies worldwide. 1986 through 1988 have been designated as Years of Youth Advance, and ABS will be focusing on distributing God's Word to children and youth.

A top Southern Baptist leader recently made this statement: "Without the truth revealed in Scriptures, missionaries would have no message to carry. Bold Mission Thrust would become little more than a fantasy. But the availability of God's Word in all languages to all people cannot be assumed. It must be provided."

The American Bible Society gives thanks to you for your support and for your prayers, our pledge to you is to work increasingly in partnership with you to fulfill the great commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

ANNUITY BOARD

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is charged by the denomination with the responsibility of administering retirement and insurance programs to meet the needs of ministers, church employees, denominational and institutional employees, and seminary students. Money contributed by churches, agencies and individuals is held in trust by the Annuity Board to provide these benefits.

A relief and supplemental assistance program assists needy, disabled and retired ministers and widows of ministers. This program is funded by the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program & by private donations to the Annuity Board's Endowment Department.

Effective January 1, 1988, the new pension plan will allow ministers the ability to generate three dollars for each dollar they contribute. The church will match the individual's initial contribution on a two-for-one basis, up to 10 percent of pay. After the required contributions are made by the individual and the church, the state convention will match one-half of the church's contributions up to $35 per month for each participant.

Thirteen state conventions approved the version of the plan which will allow participation by lay employees serving on a church staff.

The response of Baptist state conventions indicates the churches are ready to provide their staff members with a good retirement program.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
F. Ray Rummage, Jr.

The Associational Board is composed of Associational leaders, pastors of member Churches, and two elected representatives from each member Church. This Board meets quarterly in order to conduct necessary business in the interim between the annual meetings. The Associational Board is given the responsibility of acting for the Association within the policies established by the Association.

Since the 1984 Annual Meeting, the Associational Board met in December, March, June and September. During these meetings, the Board received reports from various committees and organizations. Each meeting included a report of the activities of the director of missions. The Board reviewed quarterly financial reports to keep abreast on the financial status of the Associaton.

Several items of business were considered and approved. The Executive Committee was instructed by the Board to purchase an electronic typewriter which is now in use in the Associational Office. The Board also approved the sale of the IBM Selectric Typewriter by sealed bids. From the sale of the typewriter, the Board authorized the purchase of "Focus On The Family." These video cassettes are available to the churches in the Association. Two other items of business included the allocation of $150 to be used by the Christian Life Committee in fighting a lottery in North Carolina and the allocation of $150 to send Shirley Alexander to a conference for associational secretaries at Ridgecrest.

During the September meeting, the Associational Board considered no items of business, but they did receive several reports to be presented at the Annual Associational Meeting. The Committee on Committee's report, the Fiance Committee's report, the Program Committee's report, and the Nominating Committee's report were presented for information.

A special word of thanks to the laypersons, organizational leaders and pastors who give of their time and make that special effort to serve on the Associational Board.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
Perlee Burris

The mission of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. is to care for dependent, neglected and homeless children; emotionally disturbed children; unwed mothers and their children; and the rendering of related services to their relatives. The broad purpose of the Institution embraces services directed toward the preservation, conservation and rehabilitation of families to avoid, whenever possible, the placement of the child away from home.

During this our 100th year of quality child care, the Trustees, staff and President Michael C. Blackwell, pledge anew our commitment to continue fulfilling the mission & broad purpose of this Christian institution of caring as we enter our second century of service. In our Centennial year we served 1,517 children and 1,167 families.

With the Governor's proclamation of May 19, 1985 as "Baptist Children's Homes Day", the centennial celebration was well on its way. Phil Young of Henderson, was commissioned to write "Praise Book", a musical about children and families. The musical was performed by adult choirs and children's choirs in 11 Baptist churches across the state. Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas, wrote, A Hundred Years of Caring, an updated history of the Homes. Baptists from across the State submitted their favorite recipes for a cookbook to be released this fall. In cooperation with the Convention's Communication Department a new video, "100 Years of Caring", was released in February. Both the book and the video were underwritten by the Broyhill Foundation. During May, June and July a 1,400 mile relay marathon, the longest in the history of North Carolina, allowed hundreds of people to participate and celebrate the spirit of caring for children.

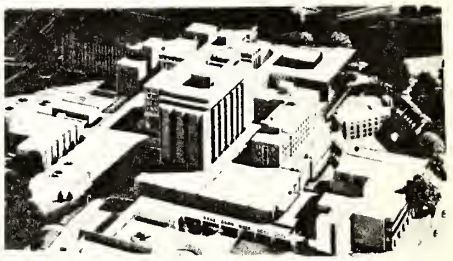
One of the final events of the Centennial will take place on November 12, 1985 at the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte. The combined voices of our children in care, along with other special features, will be an exciting entrance into our second hundred years of quality child care. We hope you will join us at the Charlotte Coliseum for an evening of celebration, praise and thanksgiving.

Charlotte Family Services Area shares the following highlights:

In responding to a request from the Gaston Baptist Association, the staff of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina now has a working agreement that places a family counselor one day per week at the Gaston Associational office from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Clients are referred by pastors, church members and the Association's crisis ministry.

The Charlotte office continues to provide information and help for all the services offered by the Homes such as group care, foster care, maternity care, emergency care and therapeutic camping. Our staff is available to assist you with your questions and requests for care.

The Charlotte Emergency Care Home for girls continues to operate at capacity level.



BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Rita Felts

Baptist Hospital is committed to making available to its patients the most advanced medical technology in an atmosphere of Christian caring.

New technology brought into service during the past year includes a magnetic resonance scanner which uses a strong magnetic field, radio waves,

and computer techniques to obtain images of the body's organs and tissues without using ionizing radiation. During the past year, the hospital also introduced a procedure to remove kidney stones by passing a large needle into the kidney and then breaking up the stones with ultrasound or snaring them with a tiny basket. Medical Center cardiologists have helped to develop a dual-chamber pacemaker which helps to regulate the pace of an ailing heart so that its function is more similar to that of a healthier heart. Also, cardiologists are now using streptokinase to effectively dissolve clots in the coronary arteries. In another development, many cancer patients are now benefiting from a new device which makes intravenous injections of drugs unnecessary. Our Medical Center surgeons helped develop this device called a Port-A-Cath. One other seemingly small development this year, but with important consequences, is the discovery by pediatricians that partial bathing of babies in the intensive care nursery rather than total bathing allows the body temperature to remain constant instead of dropping.

These new discoveries help assure Baptist Hospital patients of a high quality of professional care. Equally important, however, is the emotional and spiritual environment in which this care is provided. Through department staff meetings, through staff education programs, through an ongoing program of new employee orientation, the hospital seeks to preserve an atmosphere of Christian caring and concern. The specific functions of the Pastoral Care Department and the Patient Relations Department contribute to the hospital's effort to minister "with skill and understanding."

During the past year, our hospital admitted 25,140 patients for a total of 213,038 days of care. Ambulatory patient visits including the Bowman Gray Department of Clinics totalled 243,096. The hospital has 701 licensed beds, employs 3,537 persons and has an operating budget of $124,187,316. The Department of Pastoral Care made 57,849 visits with patients, family members, and employees and provided 21,194 hours of counseling through the Winston-Salem center and the various satellites.

Last year, North Carolina Baptists gave their hospital $541,255.16 in financial support through the Cooperative Program and $367,712.33 through the North Carolina Missions Offering. The hospital staff and the patients are deeply grateful for this continuing support.

The hospital is currently involved in another expansion program which will include new parking areas, a new inpatient tower, a clinical services building, and additions to the power plant as well as renovation and alterations of existing space. The total cost of this project is estimated at $86,344,000.

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES OF NC, INC.

For over 34 years, N.C. Baptists have been ministering with older adults through the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. The Homes' ministry is one that works--providing security and hope in the midst of sincere concern and love--bringing about the possibility for abundant life, one with a plus. This is all happening in the name of N.C. Baptists through the "Baptist" Retirement Homes.

The following facts and information will give an overview of the Retirement Homes' ministry from August, 1984 - June, 1985 :

-The Retirement Homes had an average daily occupancy of 244 residents in the five group Homes, Nursing Care Unit and apartments.

-Over 30 new residents were admitted to the Homes and Nursing Care.

-Group Home fees for care were not raised. Cost containment and budget controls made this possible.

-Over $100,000 of benevolent care was provided monthly to Home residents.

-Sixty cents of each benevolent care dollar was provided through Cooperative Program and North Carolina Missions Offering gifts.

-"Heart to Heart" Christmas gifts from friends of the Retirement Homes provided each resident with a $20 gift.

-The Homes' Nursing Care Unit, Winston-Salem, can now care for 85 persons. Conversion of eleven Hayes Home rooms made this increase possible.

-The Nursing Care Unit is operating at 95% plus occupancy.

-Apartment policies have been revised. Plans are being formulated to build another duplex unit on the Hayes Home Campus.

-A 20-minute video tape "Not An Ordinary Person" has been produced to be used in communicating the Retirement Homes' ministry.

-The Retirement Homes do have vacancies. Please request admissions information from Jackson S. Hoyle, Administrative Offices,Winston-Salem, N.C.

-After more than 24 years of service to N.C. Baptists and the Retirement Homes, Homes' President Bill Poole retired. A Trustee Search Committee is actively seeking the person to become the third President of the Baptist Retirement Homes of N.C. Jackson Hoyle is serving as Interim Director.

-The first meeting of the Retirement Homes' "Heritage Club" was held. The club members have included the Homes in their estate planning. Last year, through bequests, trusts, etc., over $400,000 was given to support the Retirement Homes' ministry. Information about the Heritage Club is available from the Adm. Offices.

-The fiscal year ending September 30, closed in the black, largely due to special gifts.

The Baptist Retirement Homes' mission is to continue providing the most important dimension to meeting the needs of older adults--Christian compassion. The Retirement Homes provide care beyond the required minimums. Thanks to your mission support, care of which we know you would be proud is provided.

BROTHERHOOD
Doug Felts

One might ask the question, "What is the Brotherhood?" Simply put ....it is a fellowship enabling men and boys to be ministers to the world through an action-study approach that encourages our involvement in missions and evangelism.

Our purpose as Brotherhood is to inform, motivate, and involve men and boys in praying, studying, enlisting, giving, ministering, and bearing witness of Christ to our community and world.

Five basic tasks are used to carry out this purpose:
(1) Engage in missions activities
(2) Teach missions
(3) Pray for and give to missions
(4) Develop personal ministry
(5) Interpret and undergird the work of the church and denomination.

In March of this year we had a Baptist Men and RA Counselor training session at Lawing's Chapel. Garry Baldwin taught the RA counselors and Tommy Puckett from the State Brotherhood staff taught the Baptist Men. This session was well attended.

In April the Associational RA track and field meet was held at East Lincoln High School Stadium with over 200 boys and counselors participating.

In August key leadership ws held with 10 men in attendance.

We have 11 churches with no report of Brotherhood work. As of January 1, 1985, with 49 churches reporting, we had an enrollment of 1,193 in Brotherhood. It is my goal as director to see all 49 churches in this association reporting Brotherhood work plus see a 10% growth in Brotherhood per year. These goals can be a reality by rededicating our lives to the Lordship of Christ and getting involved in ministering to the needs of people right where we are.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve our risen Lord and would welcome being able to help any of our churches in your Brotherhood work.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
B.J. Morris

To call 1985 a banner year fro the Christian Action League, it would indeed be an understatement. Let's take a thumbnail sketch of what has occurred.

LEGISLATION:

A. Obscenity: The General Assembly enacted into law an obscenity bill that is the culmination of 10 years of consistent effort. Due to the loopholes in our state's obscenity laws, North Carolina has become the nation's "smut" capital because of porno outlets in our state per capita. The newly enacted law consists of the following features:

1. The so-called "adult" book stores are outlawed;
2. Sexually oriented materials such as PLAYBOY,HUSTLER, etc.,will have to be placed under the counter or behind the counter with blinders in convenient stores,newstands;
3. It provides for the prosecution of cable porn;
4. Penalties for violating the state's obscenity law have been increased from misdemeanors to felonies.

The law becomes effective October 1, 1985, and all complaints should be directed to your district attorney who will have the authority to begin legal proceedings.

B. **Alcohol** (Liquor-Beer-Wine): The following significant issues were addressed:

1. Drinking Age set at 21 for all alcoholic beverages;
2. "Happy Hours" abolished;
3. A Dram Shop bill passed the House that will be considered by the Senate in the June 1986 session. This proposal will make bartenders, tavern operators, and other retailers liable for damages if a sale is made to an intoxicated person who becomes involved in an alcohol related accident.
4. Legislation increasing the amount of liquor purchases and brown-bagging privileges from 1 gallon to 5 gallons was defeated;
5. Permitting Convention Centers to have brown-bagging went down to defeat;
6. A provision to allow out-of-state coorporations convicted of felonies to be granted ABC permits was removed for consideration.
7. Current North Carolina law permanently revokes ABC permits for any establishment convicted of gambling offenses. An effort to repeal that measure was "shot down".

C. **Gambling:**

1. The statewide lottery act went down to defeat in the Senate with 24 to 24 tie vote.
2. The "Casino" game bill for non-profit organizations was rejected. This proposal would have allowed casino gambling to get its foot in the front door. Then you would have heard the pitch from the gambling industry: "If you allow non-profit organizations to conduct such games, why not the private sector, and the state can get the revenue?"
3. Efforts to liberalize our bingo laws were also turned back. The professionals sought to get their "noses under the tent" after being expelled in the bingo reform law two years ago.

D. **Abortion:** The state abortion fund was decreased by 1/3 from 1.2 million to $900,000. Yet, North Carolina remains the only state in the Southeast to use state tax funds for medically unnecessary abortions. The Governor recommended that state tax funds be allowed only for abortions when the mother's life is at stake, rape, or incest. The legislature rejected that proposal but decreased the available funding by 1/3.

We are grateful to our Lord for the opportunity to apply the Gospel to contemporary moral and ethical issues. Then, we are grateful to you that uphold the League with your prayers and financial support. You make it possible for us to remain on the firing line for the causes that we share.

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Richard Williams

Baptists and their colleges have been doing Christian education together for a long, long time. Look at the dates listed with each of the colleges: CAMPBELL-1887, CHOWAN-1848, GARDNER-WEBB-1905, MARS HILL-1856, MEREDITH-1891, WAKE FOREST-1834, WINGATE-1895. When they are totaled, the cumulative number of service years for our seven colleges is 779! North Carolina Baptists have grown up with their colleges, so much so that it is difficult to imagine our total mission program without them.

If you should ask our college leaders what is uppermost on their minds these days, you would get an answer such as this: "Christian education, Baptist students and Cooperative Program support." A sentence or two about each of these will complete this report.

Christian Education. There are large and important differences that belong to Baptist colleges. They are smaller, friendlier campuses where Christian community is present and encouraged and where education and the Christian faith are compatible.

Baptist Students. Young people from our churches are encouraged to apply to Baptist colleges. Pastors and parents help students when they guide them to Baptist schools. Generous student aid and work study programs make it possible for any qualified student to attend a Baptist college.

Cooperative Program. Your North Carolina Baptist colleges say "Thank you" for the generous dollar support through the Cooperative Program. Baptist dollars buy quality Christian education and make healthy institutions possible.

CHRISTIAN LIFE AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS
B.J. Morris

This has been an extremely busy year for the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs. Through its three departments, it has provided a variety of field service events and educational resources for North Carolina Baptists. June was promoted as World Hunger Month and our churches increased their giving significantly over that of 1984.

Department of Christian Family Life

A wide range of family life events was led by the department's director. Included were six associational or church-wide Family Enrichment Conf; three marriage enrichment retreats in addition to sponsoring the annual three-day Clergy Couples Retreat in January and the four-day Basic MER Leadership Training in August; two area-wide single adult seminars and an associational single adult event. The Director spoke at two Better Homes Clubs, and one church night family emphases on topics such as "Ten Commandments for a Good Marriage". He also led three Family Life Revivals, preached in three churches on a Christian family emphasis, spoke to two Baptist associations on ministering to families and divorce in the pastorate, and conducted three parenting workshops. Slide presentations on Togo and Baptist distinctives were presented in two churches.

Two major items were the making available of four Domestic Violence Conferences in which the Director offered leadership; also three Divorce Adjustment Workshops led by Dr. Roger Crook, family life specialist in the area.

Department of Aging

Ministry with Senior Adults in North Carolina has experienced significant growth this year. Churches are becoming increasingly aware of the potential for ministry among older persons.

Six conferences/retreats were held at Caraway Baptist Conference Center with over 800 senior adults in attendance.

The department continues to cooperate with the Christian Family Life Department in family enrichment conferences with sections for older persons.

Department of Christian Citizenship Education

The work of this department has focused on the 1985 session of the General Assembly, which convened in February and ran into July. As usual, money matters took center stage, with much time going into the preparation of the state's budget and into debate regarding tax reductions. In addition, the legislature dealt with significant issues affecting the environment, education, alcohol abuse, pornography, gambling, and day care. The Department continued to make legislative news available to Baptists through the Legislative Information Network. For the first time, summaries of L.I.N. materials were prepared and mailed to pastors.

World hunger continued to be a matter of great concern to many. The ongoing crisis of famine in Africa has stirred new awareness of the problems and new generosity in response. In 1984, N.C. Baptists gave a little more than one million dollars through Baptist channels to fight hunger. In 1985 giving is ahead of 1984...yet so much remains to be done. Please be in prayer for: the millions facing hunger, rain to relieve the African drought, caregivers (missionaries & others) who seek to help, ourselves, that our compassion may lead us to greater generosity.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Melvin Rabb

The BIBLICAL RECORDER was founded in 1833 to publish correct and vital information concerning Baptist work. This past year has been a good year for the RECORDER, perhaps the best in its history. Readership appears to be very high. We need to be informed as fewer persons are members of churches in our state now than are not members...of any kind of church. Our evangelism efforts must be increased. The BIBLICAL RECORDER wants to be of help in this effort.

Subscription rates will not be raised for the fourth consecutive year in 1986, despite a substantial increase in the cost of second-class postage anticipated in October, 1985. The rates for 1986 are as follows: Individual, $7.00; Club, (four or More) $6.10; Every Family Plan, $5.00. These rates are equal to or less than all other major state Baptist papers such as the BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Please pray for the paper, its ministry, staff and contributions to the Lord's work.

CHURCH TRAINING
Neal Alexander

Church Training got off to a good start with an inspiring and motivational "M" Night with Richard Spencer, Gaston Association, as guest speaker with eleven churches represented.

Four of your associational Church Training team attended the Enabler Conference at Caraway. Each member received training and materials for their respective area. The Associational Church Training Conference was held in April.

In May, Ruth Prince, Church Training Consultant with the Baptist State Convention, was a guest of our association, visiting several churches that were interested in organizing or strengthing their Church Training.

In May, the Youth Director attended Key Leadership Conference on behalf of the Church Training Director in preparation for Key Leadership held in August.

One request was received for assistance in expanding their Church Training program.

The Enabler Team attended the Church Training Mini Conference at Caraway in August and will have the 1985-86 Leadership Conference earlier in the church year.

The Enabler Team for 1984-85 was: Neal Alexander, CT Director; Raymond Hamrick,Adult Director; Mike Gwinn, Youth Director; Carolyn Baker, Children's Director; Patricia Hallman, Preschool Director.

Thank you, the churches, for allowing us to serve you during this past year. We are looking forward to serving you in 1985-86. Please do not hesitate to contact us if your church has a need in the Church Training area.

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EVANGELISM
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The first challenge of evangelism is to reach the lost of our community. For many churches the strategy is simple. In order to reach the lost, a beautiful church building is erected. The lost only have to come to our churches. This simple strategy is effective with three percent of the lost people. The other ninety-seven percent remain lost without Christ. These will not be reached until Christians heed the imperative to go and compel the lost to come.

The Southern Baptist Convention is challenging us to reach others by urging our churches to participate in the "Good News America: God Loves You" simultaneous revival effort. Thirty-two churches in our association have made commitments to participate. Baptisms have increased during those years when simultaneous revival efforts were made in the SBC. Let's pray that many people will receive Christ as our churches have revival effort during the week of March 23-30, 1986.

The Evangelism Department of the N.C. State Convention is also challenging us to reach out to others. Churches have been assisted in purchasing of Scriptures for distribution within their communities. The Evangelism Department continues to provide Continuing Witness Training (CWT) and to stress the importance of this evangelistic tool. Churches are being urged to have CWT or Lay Evangelism Schools to equip their members to share the gospel.

The Evangelism Committee of the South Fork Association has worked to involve our churches in evangelism. Of special concern is the possibility of an area wide evangelistic crusade which would mobilize the Christians of our area to reach out to those who are lost. With cooperation and prayer, we could be involved in one of the greatest evangelistic endeavors in the history of our association.

Evangelism is not an option but an imperative. Until Christians become involved in fulfilling that imperative, hundreds will die and go to hell each day.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Neil Mullen

The Executive Committee has continually strived to help the Director of Missions, the Associational Board and all associational committees in the support of the member churches. Our Commitment has been to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through supporting the ministry and activities of the association. Some of the issues and or items that the committee has supported during this year are as follows:

- Asked the Associational Board for authorization to investigate and purchase an electronic typewriter for the associational office at a cost not to exceed $3,000.

- Granted permission for the Council on the Status of Women to meet temporarily in the associational office.

Executive Committee Cont'd

- Offered the old IBM Selectric typewriter for purchase by any member church in the association by sealed bids. Typewriter was sold to Reepsville Church which submitted the highest bid.

- Purchased video cassettes on "Focus on the Family" to be used by any member church in the association.

- Approved a request from the Christian Life Committee for $150 in funds to be used in the fight against a North Carolina state lottery bill.

- Reviewed and referred to the Missions Committee an application for Church Pastoral Assistance from the Lowesville Chapel and Massapoag Church.

- Reviewed and approved recommendations from the Finance Committee to include in the 1986 budget funds to purchase office telephones and a new film projector for the association.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Neil Mullen

Proposed Budget
January 1 - December 31, 1986

	1985 Budget	1986 Proposed Budget
Director of Mission's Salary	17,330.00	18,000.00
Social Security	1,851.00	1,930.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00
Housing Allowance	6,300.00	7,000.00
Conferences & Denominational Meetings	1,300.00	1,300.00
Retirement Plan	2,133.00	2,500.00
Hospital Insurance	2,175.00	2,000.00
Life Insurance	681.00	750.00
Disability Insurance	200.00	200.00
Office Supplies, Postage	4,000.00	4,000.00
Office Utilities	2,000.00	2,200.00
Office Telephone	1,000.00	1,000.00
Office Secretary	7,020.00	7,280.00
Social Security, Secretary	490.00	521.00
Retirement Plan, Secretary	702.00	728.00
Insurance, Secretary	400.00	400.00

Finance Committee Cont'd

Contingent Salary	500.00	500.00
Christmas Bonus	350.00	350.00
Janitor & Supplies	1,700.00	2,000.00
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00
Insurance, Properties/Workman Comp.	700.00	700.00
Maintenance Contracts	500.00	825.00
Clerk	450.00	450.00
Treasurer	450.00	450.00
Annual Meeting	550.00	700.00
Sunday School	750.00	750.00
Church Training	400.00	400.00
Youth Coordinator	500.00	600.00
WMU	1,320.00	1,480.00
Brotherhood	450.00	450.00
Music	550.00	500.00
Media Center	200.00	400.00
Evangelism	800.00	500.00
Mission Projects	600.00	600.00
Area Resort Ministries	300.00	300.00
VBS	225.00	225.00
Seminary Extension	150.00	150.00
Minister's Conference	100.00	100.00
New Equipment (Filmstrip Projector & Phones)	-0-	700.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	800.00
TOTAL:	**$64,927.00**	**$68,739.00**

FOREIGN MISSIONS
Joy Keever

God is blowing trumpets, turning on spotlights, clashing cymbals and ringing bells, declaring, "Southern Baptists, your destiny--your potential for making remarkable contribution in my world today--is missions. Don't be sidetracked."

Now for the first time in history the ingredients of spiritual maturity, global vision, commitment, personnel and financial resources, transportation and communication project the genuine possibility that we as Baptists can function jointly in reaching the whole world.

.....Keith Parks,President FMB

Southern Baptists provided strong financial increases to the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

The Cooperative Program is Southern Baptists' basic system for mission support. Since its beginning in 1925, the Cooperative Program has been the heartbeat of Southern Baptists missions outreach, and is sometimes called the glue that holds the convention together in a focus on missions.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is the convention's annual ingathering designated for foreign missions. It provides almost half of the total foreign mission budget.

We Southern Baptists have committed ourselves to a cause far beyond our individual awareness. That's what Bold Misisons is all about: a vision of a world where every person may hear and respond to the answer to all their questions and longings--Jesus Christ.

The vision is based on love and trust. The cause is humanity-wide. It is God-sized.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS: A MISSION PEOPLE hearing, believing, living, telling His story.

HOME MISSION BOARD
F. Ray Rummage, Jr.

William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, referred to his 1984 Annual Report as a "Report to Stockholders." His meaning was clear and to the point: "If you support the Cooperative Program, give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, work on local mission projects or pray for home missions, you are a stockholder in one of America's oldest corporations, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention." Since its beginning in 1845, there have been continual efforts in missions and ministries. The HMB continues the task of developing a national missions strategy through thirteen programs and support ministries.

Yes, our home missions effort is expensive. In 1984, $57,443,275 were expended. That amounts to over one million dollars per week, and more could be used if it were available. A million plus dollars per week sounds like a lot, but how do we put a price on reaching the lost for Jesus Christ? Perhaps we should be a little embarrassed by the amount being spent to evangelize America. Our government spends over one million dollars per minute to maintain our military services. The priority and thrust of America is not difficult to determine.

While the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for 1984 was a record, the $24.7 million given was far short of the goal of $29 million. This special offering accounted for almost forty percent of the HMB budget. The Cooperative Program Funds for 1984 were also short of the projected allotment. Almost two million dollars of the allotment was not available to the HMB from the Cooperative Program. We must continue to support our special missions offerings and the Cooperative Program.

We are a part of a large evangelistic endeavor. We help to support 3,7223 missions personnel. These missionaries serve in all fifty states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and Canada. These must have our prayers and financial support to adequately serve the Lord and reach others with the gospel.

MEDIA
Gloria Perkins

This has been an exciting year for our media workers. Our dream of establishing a Library/Media Center in the Associational Office has become a reality. We have books, filmstrips, video cassettes, music, musical instruments, and other items ready to be checked out for use by churches and pastors in the association. I would like to express my thanks to Sallie Richardson (Pearl) and Marie Caldwell (Salem) for the hard work they have done this year in the Associational Library.

At the Key Leadership Conference this year, we set up our TACMO group. TACMO is The Associational Church Media Library Organization. This organization is for all media/library workers in the association. We meet monthly to study, plan, and try to help solve our common problems in media work. We have adopted four goals to direct this organization:

(1) Encourage new libraries.
(2) Promote, improve, and enlarge existing libraries.
(3) Involve all library staff in a study of The Church Media Center Development Plan.
(4) Interpret available media library resources.

The TACMO is ready and willing to help any church in our association to set up a new library or to expand your existing library. A church library/media center can be your most valuable asset to help your Sunday School teachers, Church Training leaders, and other organizational leaders do their work more effectively.

We are also very pleased to announce a special media event to be held March 7-8, 1986. Jean Adkinson will be conducting a classifying and cataloging workshop at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church for all media people in our area. Jean is a consultant with the Church Media Library Department in Nashville, and we are very fortunate to have her coming to our association. Please encourage all of your media workers to attend this workshop.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Kathie Aiken

The Associational Missions Committee is responsible for developing and implementing the missions strategy of the association. During this year, our committee has strived to carry out this purpose in various ways.

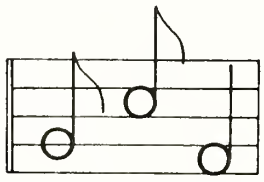
Beginning or encouraging new work in unreached areas is a priority with our missions committee. Lowesville Baptist Chapel, under the sponsorship of Salem Baptist Church, continues to reach out to the community through Sunday morning services, Vacation Bible School and monthly Big A Club activities. Terrell Mission and Mt. Anderson Baptist have been exploring new strategies to increase the outreach of the mission. Through Area Resort Ministries, our ever increasing resort population is being reached with the gospel. Backyard Bible Clubs were held this summer in other areas of our association where new work may begin in the future.

One new development in missions outreach in our area involves language missions. Harvest Time Baptist Church in Cat Square has a growing ministry to our Spanish population. South Fork Association has been able to assist their ministry in various ways such as building repairs, VBS, and aiding with supplies. We want to continue to encourage our new Spanish friends as they reach many people with the gospel tht we as English-speaking Christians are unable to reach.

Your Associational Missions Committee has researched a need for continuous weekday adult day care in our area. We are finding that this is a desire and need of many in our community. This could become a reality in the future after more development.

We encourage each of our churches to form a Church Missions Committee if you do not have one. This is one of the best avenues of discovery of needs in your community. With the CMC's direction, our churches can become more aware and actively involved in meeting those needs and sharing the gospel with everyone in our communities. We pray this will be your desire and vision as a new church year begins.

MUSIC
Harold Caldwell, Jr.



As the 1984-85 church year of Reaching People through Congregational Music comes to a close, it is hoped that congregations throughout the association were given the opportunity to actively participate in the music programs of their respective churches.

Not only was this a year of congregational singing, but it was also a year in which children's choir leaders were exposed to materials and recommended methods for working with children's choirs. Through a successful workshop held at Mt. Ruhama in May, and a follow-up workshop held at East Maiden in September, music leaders from various churches were able to explore materials produced by the Church Music Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Also in the field of training, at least nine music leaders representing four associational churches took advantage of training and worship opportunities at Ridgecrest during Church Music Week.

Music Cont'd

Through the offering of additional training opportunities during the 1985-86 year, it is hoped that an increase will be noted in the use of appropriate Southern Baptist music materials in our churches, especially for preschool, children, and youth choirs.

During the coming five years, "musicians on mission" should strive to reach a goal of a five percent increase in music enrollment each year of the five year period. Musicians have a significant task ahead which can be met.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Virginia Wright

GENERAL OFFICERS

Clerk	Shirley Alexander,109 Fran Ave.,Lincolnton,28092	732-0654
Treasurer	Norma Keever,PO Box 1066,Lincolnton, 28092	732-1489
Parliamentarian	Kermit Caldwell,404 N.Main,Maiden,28650	428-9438
Historian	Ann Keener,Rt. 1 Box 315,Denver, 28037	483-2414
Media Director	Gloria Perkins,Rt. 7 Box 415, Lincolnton, 28092	735-5540
Media Assistants	Marie Caldwell,Rt.7 Box 544A,Lincolnton, 28092	735-3692
	Sallie Richardson,Rt.2 Box 69,Iron Station, 28080	735-2816
Trustee Chairman	Julius Sherrill,203 Buffalo Shoals,Lincolnton,28092	735-2676
Trustees	Bill Beard,Rt.2 Box 411,Newton,28658	428-8302
	David Ross,720 Huss St.,Lincolnton,28092	735-3847

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

American Bible Society-Cecil Parker,915 E.Main, Maiden,28650	428-8648
Annuity Board-Garry Baldwin,2000 Lakeshore Rd.,S.,Denver,28037	483-5851
Baptist Children's Homes-Vivian Jones,Rt.1 Box 166,Maiden,28650	428-2725
Baptist Foundation-Don Pendleton,PO Box 159,Lincolnton,28092	735-6685
Baptist Hospital-Rita Felts,Rt.2 Box 243A,Maiden,28650	428-8381
Baptist Retirement Homes-Alvin Hoyle,PO Box 1605,Lincolnton,28093	735-1844
Christian Higher Education-Richard Williams,Rt.4 Box 505W,Newton	465-0134
Christian Life & Public Affairs-B.J.Morris,2201 E.Main,Lincolnton	735-5371
Christian Literature-Melvin Rabb,PO Box 386,Maiden,28650	428-8451
Foreign Missions-Joy Keever,Rt.3 Box 590,Lincolnton,28092	732-0258
Home Missions-Ray Rummage,PO Box 338,Maiden 28650	428-8714
Seminary Extension-Harold King, Rt. 1 Box 233, Vale, 28168	276-2349
South Mtn. Camp-Virginia Woodruff,Rt. 2 Box 341,Maiden,28650	735-4706
Ned Setzer,Rt.5 Box 1062,Lincolnton,28092	735-8119
Robert Wise,Rt. 2 Box 196,Lincolnton,28092	276-1840
State Missions-Raymond Hamrick,Rt. 1 Box 206, Maiden, 28650	483-5496
Stewardship-Wayne Haynes,Rt. 6 Box 60-6,Lincolnton,28092	735-6853

ORGANIZATIONS

Brotherhood Dir.	Doug Felts,Rt. 2 Box 243A, Maiden, 28650	428-8381
RA Director	Dusty Bradshaw,Rt. 2 Box 238, Denver, 28037	483-3848

Nominating Committee Cont'd

Church Training Director	Neal Alexander,109 Fran Ave.,Lincolnton,28092	732-0654
Adult Director	Raymond Hamrick,R.t 1 Box 206,Maiden,28650	483-5496
Youth Director	Mike Gwinn,PO Box 1326,Lincolnton,28092	732-0558
Children's Dir.	Carolyn Baker, Rt.7 Box 741,Lincolnton,28092	735-3552
Preschool Dir.	Patricia Hallman, Rt. 8 Box 888,Lincolnton,28092	735-0095
Music Director	Harold Caldwell,Jr.,1217 E.Main,Maiden, 28650	428-9480
Adult Director	Harold Caldwell,Jr.,1217 E.Main,Maiden, 28650	428-9480
Youth Director	Angela Ballard,Rt. 2 Box 500,Iron Station,28080	483-3926
Older Children Dir.	Debbie Whisnant,Rt. 8 Box 1143,Lincolnton,28092	735-4409
Younger " Dir.	Brenda Groce,Rt. 4 Box 227-1,Newton,28658	464-9280
Preschool-Activity Dir.	Edna Ruth Pennell,Rt.3 Box 519A,Maiden,28650	428-2325
Sunday School Dir.	Ryan Shelton,PO Box 1153,Lincolnton,28092	735-6224
Adult Director	Lue Bryant,227 Story St.,Lincolnton, 28092	735-5573
Youth Director	Virginia Wright,Rt. 1 Box 115,Maiden, 28650	428-8890
Children's Dir.	Carol Kirksey,Rt. 6 Box 525,Lincolnton,28092	735-6118
Older Preschool	Edna Ruth Pennell,Rt. 3 Box 519A,Maiden,28650	428-2325
Younger "	Mildred Blackburn,Rt.1 Box 156,Maiden,28650	428-8390
Outreach Dir.	Andy Broughton,Rt.2 Box 635,Iron Station, 28080	735-6624
Vacation Bible School Director	Robert Wensil,Rt. 1 Box 12,Iron Station, 28080	735-9679
Adult Director	Gary Rankin,Rt. 2 Box 88,Stanley, 28164	263-8321
Youth Director	Buddy Pigg,Rt.2 Box 497,Maiden, 28650	428-2168
Older Children	Brenda Lanier,Rt. 7 Box 747,Lincolnton, 28092	735-4604
Middle Children	Shirley Dellinger,Box 331,Lincolnton,28092	735-7612
Younger Children	Karen Gwinn,Box 1326,Lincolnton,28092	732-0558
Older Preschool	Cynthia Gardner,Box 534,Maiden,28650	428-9853
Middle Preschool	Betty Gilleland,Rt.2 Box 428C,Maiden,28650	483-5575
Missions/Backyard	Kathie Aiken,Rt.3 Box 469B,Lincolnton,28092	735-7177
WMU Director	Milly Clark,Rt.1 Box 432A,Maiden,28650	428-3255
Asst.WMU Dir.	Abbie Bearden,Rt.1 Box 335,Alexis,28006	263-1347
Mission Study Dir.	Kathie Aiken,Rt.3 Box 459B.Lincolnton,28092	735-7177
Mission Support "	Virginia Wright,Rt. 1 Box 115,Maiden,28650	428-8890
Mission Action "	Betty Gilleland,Rt.2 Box 428C,Maiden,28650	483-5575
Enlistment/Enlargement "	Shirley Alexander,109 Fran Ave.,Lincolnton,28092	732-0654
Centennial Chmn	Sue Davis,Rt.1 Box 20,Crouse, 28033	735-3381
Secretary-Treas.	Edna Pitts,111 Wendover, Lincolnton,28092	732-1079
Baptist Women "	Martha Mize,Rt.1 Box 299,Alexis,28006	263-8295
Asst.BW Director	Joann Houk,Rt. 1 Box 206A2,Crouse,28033	735-6611
Baptist Young Women's Director	Faye Smith,Rt.8 Box 1020,Lincolnton,28092	735-5010
Asst.BYW Dir.	Paulette Calaway,Rt.5 Box 1046H,Lincolnton,28092	735-9469
Acteen Director	Debbie Behling,Rt.1 Box 495,Iron Station,28080	732-2637
Asst.Acteen Dir.	Maledia Cole,Rt.1 Box 186-29,Denver,28037	483-5207
GA Director	Hazel King,Rt.1 Box 233,Vale,28168	276-2349
Asst.GA Dir.	Rita Felts,Rt.2 Box 243A,Maiden, 28650	428-8381
Mission Friends Director	Cynthia Gardner,PO Box 534,Maiden,28650	428-9853
Asst. MF Dir.	Pam Hovis, Rt.2 Box 527,Newton,28658	464-0789

Youth Coordinator	Phil Campbell,PO Box 714,Lincolnton,28092	732-1101
Sunday School	Virginia Wright,Rt.1 Box 115,Maiden, 28650	428-8890
Church Training	Mike Gwinn,PO Box 1326,Lincolnton,28092	732-0558
Music	Angela Ballard,Rt.2 Box 500,Iron Station,28080	483-3926
RA	Dusty Bradshaw,Rt.2 Box 238,Denver,28037	483-3848
Acteen	Debbie Behling,Rt. 1 Box 495,Iron Station 28080	732-2637
VBS	Buddy Pigg,Rt.2 Box 497,Maiden,28650	428-2168

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.
Don Pendleton

Whether we look at our objectives in life as individual Christians or collectively, as a church, an association or convention, we should be interested, above all other life's objectives, in presenting the message of Christ to those who need to know and accept Him as Lord and Savior. One of the exciting aspects of being a Christian is to feel the joy that comes in serving Him now as well as having influence on others in the future.

Some of the future influence we have as Christians is reflected in our daily commitment of service now. This can be accomplished first through our personal witness to those who will live beyond our lifespand and, secondly, through use of our resources. An increasing number of North Carolina Baptists are experiencing the excitement that comes with knowing that a portion of their resources will be set aside in trusts to further the spread of the Gospel, in perpetuity. The Baptist Foundation provides the services that make this possible.

During the past fiscal year (1984), 81 new trusts were established with the North Carolina Baptist Foundation to serve as trustee. These gifts totaled $265,029.34. Additions and contributions to new and existing trusts totaled $741,153 for the year. When maturity value of bonds in the invested portfolio are considered along with market value for real estate held in trust, the assets of the Foundation at the end of 1984 totaled $10,930,279. Real estate holdings have an estimated value of $4.478 million dollars. Income distributed to Baptist institutions and agencies, and to individuals receiving annuity payments totaled $471,563 during 1984.

Investing of Foundation assets is carried out under the direction of the Board of Directors elected by the State Convention. Day to day management is given to the investments by two fiscal agents selected by the Board. Investment philosophy now used calls for maximum return with some internal growth. Throughout the 65 year history of the Baptist Foundation, its Directors have taken seriously their fiduciary responsibilities as related to the trusts held as well as to the Convention.

North Carolina Baptist Foundation Cont'd

Support of new church growth through trusts will receive increasing attention by the Convention in the immediate future. A variety of methods are available to North Carolina Baptists through their Baptist Foundation. Information concerning these and other services of the Foundation are available by contacting the Foundation office at P.O. Box 1107, Cary, 27511-1107.

ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Don Ferrell

The Ordination Committee of the South Fork Association met on Friday, July 19, 1985 for the purpose of examining Jesse Waugh regarding his ordination to the gospel ministry. This was at the request of the Westport Baptist Church, Denver.

After being questioned on vital Baptist doctrine and receiving favorable answers and being convinced of Jessie's conversion and call to the ministry of the Word, it was recommended by the committee that the church proceed with his ordination.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE
Phil Turbyfill

The Properties Committee approved the following: (1) replaced front storm door; (2) replaced one outside light.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Henry Hollar, Jr.

On behalf of the 107th Annual Meeting of the South Fork Baptist Association, we wish to make the following resolution:

WHEREAS, our host church was North Brook Baptist Church, Cherryville;

WHEREAS, Ray Rummage presided at the October 21st session and Raymond Hamrick presided at the October 22nd meeting. The following persons participated on the program: Bill Bigham, Glain Pennell, Elliott Loftin, Neil Mullen, Phil Campbell, Harold King, William King, Michael Blackwell, Tommy Stevens, Lawrence Robertson, Wayne Haynes, Virginia Wright, Blair Wilkinson, Harold Lindsey, Garry Baldwin, Shirley Alexander, Harold Caldwell, Jr., Smoot Baker, Candice & Jackie Reep,First Baptist Choir-Lincolnton, Charles Holland, Rose Mary Ball, Martha Drum, J.W. Hutchens, Rusty Rector.

WHEREAS, the officers and leaders of our association have given of their time and talents;

WHEREAS, this session would have been to no avail without the presence of each messenger and visitor;

WHEREAS, God has given us many avenues of blessing...

We say THANK YOU and may God continue to bless His children!

SEMINARY EXTENSION
Harold King

Seminary Extension brings ministry education close for all of us in South Fork Association through our Christian Studies Center. Last Fall thirteen people earned certificates of study by completing the course Life and Faith of Baptists, taught by Glain S. Pennell. The second study was offered during the Spring with nine persons earning certificates of study by completing the course How To Understand the Bible, taught by Dr. Ray Rummage. Plans for the coming year include a course on Acts for the Spring of '86. Pastors and laypersons are encouraged to inquire about this course by calling your SE director Harold King, or the Association Office.

This and many other courses are available through home study for those who cannot attend classes, or perhaps prefer to study this way.

Diplomas can be earned in one of three areas of ministry by satisfactorily completing sixteen designated courses of study, either through the Center or by home study, or a combination of the two. I hope many will consider these opportunities.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP
Paul Crotts

The churches of Region 8 of North Carolina Baptist can praise the Lord because God really blessed their camp this summer. There were 1132 who attended our regular camps. Many visitors came each week. There were 1121 attending day camps and retreats. All of us were challenged by the consideration of our theme. There were 125 saved and 265 rededications.

Staffers and campers were urged to be involved in prayer that all would have a personal experience with God. Each day the campers were in a class on the christian life and involvement in the ministry of prayer. Each day in chapel we presented world wide prayer projects. We prayed for requests of most of the campers each week.

South Mountain Baptist Camp Cont'd

It was exciting to hear many of the campers give a testimony about their experience with God.

We urge everyone to join with us in prayer that the campers will continue to grow spiritually and get involved in prayer and witnessing daily.

Support us in prayer and finances that our Retreat Center will be completed soon.

STATE MISSIONS
Raymond Hamrick

The goal for the 1985 North Carolina Mission Offering is $2,800,000. The State Missions portion is 27% and the requested Missions Division portion is 73%.

State Missions Portion includes:
Caraway, 7.5%; N.C. Baptist Assembly, 2.5%; Christian Action League, 1%; State Missions Ministries, 16%.

Mission Division Portion includes:
North Carolina Baptist Men, 3%; Baptist Hospital, 15%; Children's Homes, 30%; Retirement Homes, 15%; Christian Education, 5%; WMU Heck Jones, 5%.

North Carolina Baptists are able to carry on a multi-faceted ministry throughout the state because you see the need and respond with your generous contributions. Some of these ministries include: Resort Missions, Ministry to Handicapped Persons (visually-mentally-aurally), Migrant Ministries, Language Work, Seminary Extension, Pastoral Aid, Associational Development, etc.

On the local level, our association and two others sponsor Resort Ministries at Cross Country, Littles, and Shady Rest Campgrounds. Our resort minister is Jimmy Peeler. For the past several summers we have been able to acquire a summer youth worker through the Home Mission Board.

Your prayer support and monetary contributions through the N.C. Mission Offering and the Cooperative Program are very much appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP
Harold King

"Planned Growth In Giving" continues to be the major emphasis in stewardship among Southern Baptists. During this past year we have had two important opportunities in our association to learn about this at Reepsville Church on April 4, 1985, led by Talmadge Williams of the Stewardship Division of the Baptist State Convnetion. On August 26 twenty-one persons from

sixteen churches attended the stewardship session of the Key Leadership Conference, led by Clyde Morris. In addition to these meetings, several area conferences were conducted to give opportunities for pastors and other church leaders to attend.

As we look forward to the coming year, Caraway Conference Center is offering Planned Growth Conferences during the months of February through September. On the Associational level Talmadge Williams will be leading a Stewardship Conference for church leaders on April 15 at the Western Steer restaurant.

Churches are encouraged to continue increasing their percentages of giving toward Associational Missions and our world-wide ministry through the Cooperative Program.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE
Harold Caldwell, Jr.

The Student Assistance Committee experienced an extremely active year in the awarding of financial grants to deserving college and seminary students. Each semester the fund was almost totally depleted in order to honor all eligible applications.

The following shows specifics in receipts and disbursements for the 1984-85 church year:

Total Amount Received:	$2,483.72
Total Amount Awarded:	2,380.00
Number of grants awarded:	(8)
Number of churches contributing:	(11)

Please make the Student Assistance Fund a matter of prayer for the coming year. Worthy young people will have to do without much needed financial support unless churches contribute generously to this deserving fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The ASSIST Team participated in the annual team training event in January. The Associational Sunday School Conference was held in February at Mountain View Baptist Church.

Due to the change in several of the team's personnel, Phil Stone, Sunday School consultant from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was enlisted to come to our association and lead a team training session.

The team stands ready upon request to assist the local church in strenghtening the work of Sunday School.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Elliott Loftin

Financial Report
October 1, 1984 - September 30, 1985

Balance on hand September 30, 1984:		6,324.46
Receipts:		
Amity	700.00	
Antioch	1,100.00	
Bethel	360.00	
Boger City	-0-	
Buffalo Shoals	40.00	
Calvary	2,839.34	
Cedar Grove	600.00	
Center View	2,399.08	
Craig Memorial	1,694.31	
Crouse	553.33	
David Memorial	400.00	
Denver	1,509.04	
East Maiden	1,525.00	
Faith	1,620.00	
Fellowship	1,061.00	
Friendly Chapel	1,054.07	
Gainsville	2,678.58	
Howard's Creek	-0-	
Hudson Chapel	200.00	
Hull's Grove	1,560.00	
Lawing's Chapel	1,000.00	
Leonard's Fork	352.69	
Lincoln Avenue	2,529.19	
Lincolnton,lst	2,400.00	
Long Shoals	702.94	
Macedonia	1,200.00	
Maiden,lst	2,600.00	
Massapoag	400.00	
Mt. Anderson	1,000.00	
Mt. Ruhama	1,550.00	
Mt. Zion	1,945.00	
Mtn. View	2,592.00	
New Hope	400.00	
North Brook	924.00	
Oak Grove	903.73	
Olivet	1,500.00	
Pearl	1,536.27	
Piney Grove	937.98	
Reepsville	2,326.79	
River View	1,775.86	
Roseland	540.81	
Salem	2,100.00	
Sharon	1,928.28	
Southside	1,508.73	
Temple	55.00	
Terrell	20.00	
Webb's Chapel	1,220.13	
Westport	2,645.00	60,488.15

Withheld Taxes	1,273.62	
Baptist State Convention	3,564.00	
Annuals	948.65	
Interest	176.38	
Sales Tax Refund	60.55	
Seminary Extension	150.00	
Donation	200.00	66,861.35
		73,185.81

Disbursements:

Director of Mission's Salary	17,068.50	
Social Security Supplement	1,833.25	
Car Allowance	3,972.00	
Housing Allowance	6,300.00	
Conference & Denominational Meetings	457.00	
Retirement Plan	2,094.89	
Hospital Insurance	1,850.13	
Life Insurance	701.40	
Disability Insurance	170.79	
Office Supplies, Postage	4,158.52	
Office Utilities	1,512.47	
Office Telephone	843.11	
Office Secretary	6,915.00	
Social Security, Secretary	495.11	
Retirement Plan, Secretary	691.50	
Insurance, Secretary	399.96	
Contingent Salary	338.35	
Janitor & Supplies	1,536.40	
Building Maintenance	726.04	
Christmas Bonus	350.00	
Insurance, Properties	527.00	
Maintenance Contracts	384.00	
Clerk	444.50	
Treasurer	444.50	
Annual Meeting	546.85	
Sunday School	(60.00)	
Church Training	403.64	
Youth Coordinator	494.00	
WMU	721.58	
Brotherhood	68.13	
Music	154.66	
Media Center	245.11	
Evangelism	(10.00)	
Area Resort Ministries	295.40	
VBS	178.71	
Seminary Extension	150.00	
Miscellaneous	704.82	
Christian Ministry	3,000.00	
Withheld Taxes	1,273.62	
Press Printing	1,084.71	
Seminary Extension	386.32	63,851.97

Balance on hand 9/30/85: **$9,333.84**

Summary of Cash:

Budget	8,484.10	
Annuals	522.06	
Seminary Extension	327.68	9,333.84

Other Associational Funds:

Mission Projects	5,000.83
Student Assistance	489.21
Money Market Account	13,706.54

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Budget Report
September, 1985

	BUDGET	TODATE	THIS MONTH	BALANCE
Director of Mission's Salary	17,330.00	12,996.00	1,444.00	4,334.00
Social Security	1,851.00	1,388.25	462.75	462.75
Car Allowance	4,000.00	2,997.00	333.00	1,003.00
Housing Allowance	6,300.00	4,725.00	525.00	1,575.00
Conferences & Denominational Mtg	1,300.00	257.00	115.00	1,043.00
Retirement Plan	2,133.00	1,599.89	177.77	533.11
Hospital Insurance	2,175.00	1,306.17	145.13	868.83
Life Insurance	681.00	562.50	62.50	118.50
Disability Insurance	200.00	129.60	14.40	70.40
Office Supplies,Postage	4,000.00	2,981.39	813.63	1,018.61
Office Utilities	2,000.00	1,173.94	131.43	826.06
Office Telephone	1,000.00	630.09	57.90	369.91
Office Secretary	7,020.00	5,265.00	585.00	1,755.00
Social Security, Secretary	490.00	365.91	121.97	124.09
Retirement Plan, Secretary	702.00	526.50	58.50	175.50
Insurance, Secretary	400.00	299.97	33.33	100.03
Contingent Salary	500.00	87.10	33.50	412.90
Christmas Bonus	350.00	-0-	-0-	350.00
Janitor & Supplies	1,700.00	1,245.00	180.00	455.00

Budget Report Cont'd

Building Maintenance	1,000.00	226.04	-0-	773.96
Insurance, Properties/Workman Comp.	700.00	499.00	-0-	201.00
Maintenance Contracts	500.00	384.00	-0-	116.00
Clerk	450.00	337.50	112.50	112.50
Treasurer	450.00	337.50	112.50	112.50
Annual Meeting	550.00	-0-	-0-	550.00
Sunday School	750.00	-0-	-0-	750.00
Church Training	400.00	328.64	42.40	71.36
Youth Coordinator	500.00	494.00	94.00	6.00
WMU	1,320.00	624.61	-0-	695.39
Brotherhood	450.00	68.13	-0-	381.87
Music	550.00	-0-	-0-	550.00
Media Center	200.00	228.71	28.37	(28.71)
Evangelism	800.00	(10.00)	-0-	810.00
Mission Projects	600.00	-0-	-0-	600.00
Area Resort Ministries	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00
VBS	225.00	178.71	-0-	46.29
Seminary Extension	150.00	150.00	150.00	-0-
Minister's Conference	100.00	-0-	-0-	100.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	297.20	-0-	502.80
TOTAL:	**$64,927.00**	**42,680.35**	**5,834.58**	**22,246.65**

TRUSTEES
Julius Sherrill

ASSETS:	Associational Office Bldg		$110,000
	Equipment		40,000
	Insurance: (Replacement Costs)		
	Building	$95,000	
	Contents	36,000	
	Operating Checking Account		9,333.84
	Mission Account		5,000.83
	Student Assistance		489.21
	Money Market Account		13,706.54
TOTAL ASSETS:			$178,530.42

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Robert Wensil

The Associational VBS team attended the state VBS training session in March. Two associational clinics were offered: Pre-clinic for pastors and directors with 25 present and a worker training clinic with 193 present. Also, two clinics offering training in Mission VBS and Backyard Bible Clubs were held.

Thirty-two churches have reported a VBS during this year. Six churches had merit schools; 15 churches reported advanced achievement. David Memorial & Mt. Anderson reported Distinguished Vacation Bible Schools.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Milly Clark

Our 1984-85 emphasis "By Love Compelled," was used by all age-levels this year. Some important events were our Leadership Conference, age-level banquets, and annual meeting. They were all well attended.

Some highlights were:

November	Baptist Women's Banquet with 450 attending; GA/Mother/Daughter Banquets at Calvary & Mtn. View with 328 attending--The Sonshine Clowns provided entertainment and inspiration.
December	GA Carol Sing-They sang for the residents of the Lincoln Nursing Center.
February	Home Mission Study at First Baptist, Maiden was well attended.
March	BYW Banquet, Calvary Church, with 75 attending. This consisted of a catered meal, special music, guest speaker Ruby Fulbright.
April	Annual Meeting was held at North Brook with Bea McRea, N.C. WMU Director, as speaker.
May	Baptist Women's Prayer Breakfast at First Baptist Church, Lincolnton. A program directed by Sue Davis, Centennial Chairman.
	Mission Action Workshop at Mt. Ruhama with representatives from Social Services, Christian Ministry and others.
	GA Day Camp, Lawing's Chapel.
July	Acteens shared in a Mission Action study of "Friends Are For Helping" at Mtn. View Church.
August	Key Leadership Conference, Boger City.
September	Associational WMU Leadership Conference, Calvary Church.

Baptist Women contributed financially to purchase gifts for the Women's Correctional Institute in Raleigh.

Enlistment/Enlargement was carried out by Shirley Alexander, assisting churches without WMU organizations.

Our Centennial Chairman, Sue Davis, promoted our State WMU Centennial Celebration.

The Annual Meeting at Winston-Salem....The theme "By Love Compelled" was carried out. We heard speakers talk about missions, evangelism, stewardship and special ministries.

It has been a great year for me and I have worked with the age-level directors to plan and carry out missions work throughout the association.

YOUTH
Phil Campbell

Youth ministry is great, but it is a singular idea. There is only one youth ministry in a church or association. There are many programs and emphasis (for example: Youth Sunday School, Youth Church Training, Acteens, Pioneer RA's, and so forth), but only one youth ministry.

The phrase **Youth Ministry** is both theological and organizational. It is organizational because it includes the work done with youth by many program organizations. It is theological because it represents the work done with those individuals within the body of Christ who are ages twelve through seventeen.

Our youth council for the 1985/86 Associational church year will be:

Youth Sunday School - Virginia Wright
Youth Church Training - Mike Gwinn
Youth Music - Angela Ballard
Pioneer RA's - Dusty Bradshaw
Acteens - Debbie Behling
Youth VBS - Buddy Pigg

1985 Youth Ministry Highlights:

February - Damascus Road
March - Associational Youth Night, Mike Pittman
June - 2nd Annual Walk-A-Thon for World Hunger
September - Associational Youth Rally
Film - Never Ashamed

1985/86 Upcoming Events & Ministries

Youth Council Planning Sessions (6)
Jan./Feb. - Winter Weekend Retreats emphasized - Ridgecrest
March 15 - Associational Youth Night
June 7 - Associational Youth World Hunger Multi-Choice-A-Thon
September 6 - Associational Youth Rally

Thank you for the marvelous opportunity to serve in this position.

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1984	1985	Gain (Loss)
Total Baptisms	400	366	(34)
Additions by Letter, etc.	461	409	(52)
Total Membership	14,726	14,843	117
Sunday School Enrollment	9,181	9,246	65
VBS Enrollment	4,451	4,601	150
Church Training Enrollment	2,576	2,550	(26)
WMU Enrollment	2,241	2,192	(49)
Brotherhood Enrollment	1,193	1,219	26
Church Music Enrollment	2,400	2,411	11
Total Receipts	4,007,954	4,161, 497	153,543
Cooperative Program Gifts	377,099	349,802	(27,297)
Total Mission Gifts	758,497	733,496	(25,001)
Gifts to Association	54,482	63,317	8,835

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HISTORY

AMITY-Renovation of sanctuary; purchased Dodge van.
DENVER-moved into new building June 16, 1985; dedicated building June 16, 1985; started campground ministry; licensed Greg Dean to ministry.
HUDSON CHAPEL-completed baptistry.
LAWING'S CHAPEL- purchased church van; began radio ministry (WCXN 1170 AM) live broadcast; mission partnership with First Baptist Church of Grant Valley, Lost Creek, West Virginia.
LINCOLN AVENUE-church observed 75th Anniversary; licensed five men to ministry July 28-R.Scott Bradley,Christopher A. Sanford, Ricky J. Spake, Monte E. Raby, Larry S. Turner; sent group to inner-city mission field in Savannah.
MT. ANDERSON-cleared off ballfield and made a road into it to play ball.
MT. RUHAMA-voted to hire full-time Minister of Youth & Education.
MT. ZION-completed six new Sunday School rooms in existing basement; tent revival with Arab evangelist.
RIVER VIEW-installed sound system and started tape ministry; bought new church hymnals; Lisa Mathis served as Summer Youth Worker.
ROSELAND-purchased mobile home for parsonage.
SALEM-10/7/84 voted to be sponsoring church for Lowesville Mission.
WEBB'S CHAPEL-became debt free on August 24,1985.
WESTPORT-Rev.Jesse R. Waugh was ordained as Minister; Dusty Bradshaw called as Minister of Youth; started Preschool Development Center;began 8:30am worship services in addition to 11:00am service.

In Memoriam

AMITY
Mrs. Rebecca Miller
Mr. Locke Ingle

ANTIOCH
Robert Martin
Max Smith

BOGER CITY
Mrs. Mary Benfield Varner
Mrs. Addie McAlister Schrum
Mrs. Helena Garrison Smith
Mrs. Ethel Jeanette Hutchins
Mr. Frank Grady Story (Deacon)
Mrs. Beulah Caldwell Bost

BUFFALO SHOALS
Mrs. Ina Mae Johnson

CALVARY
Mr. Robert Benjamin Jenkins
Mr. Howard Schronce (Deacon)
Mr. Vaughn Russell Hooper
Mr. Steven Gay

CEDAR GROVE
Mr. Henery Schronce (Deacon)
Mrs. Daisy Beard

CENTER VIEW
Mrs. Ollie Josey
Mrs. Ester Perkins

CRAIG MEMORIAL
Mr. John Godsey

DAVID MEMORIAL
Mr. Jack Hensley
Ms. Pamela Shelton
Mrs. Lovie Watts

EAST MAIDEN
Mrs. Monta Canipe
Mrs. Sarah Marr

FAITH
Mrs. J.B. Keeter

FELLOWSHIP
Mr. Cliff Reid

GAINSVILLE
Hester Brackett
M.F. Hurt, Sr.

HOWARD'S CREEK
Mr. Gaston D. Gilbert

HUDSON CHAPEL
Mr. Brady Hudspeth
Mr. Clifton Huffman

HULL'S GROVE
Ms. Lola Martin
Ms. Ruth Ann Ledford
Mr. Clyde Deaton
Ms. Clemmer King
Mrs. Walker Black

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Ms. Orie Byrd
Mr. Stanley Forner
Mr. Reid Henry
Mrs. Mary Keener
Mr. Carlos Wilson

LEONARD'S FORK
Mr. Farrell Willis

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mr. John Keever
Mr. Aca W. Taylor
Mr. Mike Sain
Mr. Grady Harrison
Mrs. Alma Dorsey
Mrs. Velma Barker
Miss Maude Dellinger

LINCOLNTON,FIRST
Mrs. Mary Craig Davis
Miss Jessie Dellinger
Mr. C.B. Newton
Mr. Lev R. Ross
Mrs. Bertha Rudisill
Mrs. Osye Wilson

LONG SHOALS
Mrs. Vernie Hester
Mr. Robert Brown

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Mrs. Flossie Hester
Mrs. Grace Hoke
Mr. James B. Benfield

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Miss Tracy Lynn Berry
Mr. Yates Cornwell
Mrs. Ruth Youngblood
Mr. Tom Henry
Mrs. Florence Frye
Mr. George W. Frye
Mr. James Propst
Mr. Claude Story
Mrs. Della Propst
Mr. Ralph Wilkinson

MT. ANDERSON
Lester Caldwell
Eunice Laney
Josephine Josey

MT. RUHAMA
Mrs. Kate B. Davis
Mr. Terry Campbell
Mr. Donald Rudisill
Mrs. Ada D. Ratchford
Mrs. Grace C. Davis
Mr. Daniel Abernethy
Mrs. Beedie Y. Smith
Mr. Vernon B. Abernethy
Mrs. Florene H. Moses

MT. ZION
Charles A. Powell, Jr.

MTN. VIEW
Mr. Glenn Hicks (Deacon)
Mr. Alvin Gilleland (Deacon)
Mr. Roy Lawing

NORTH BROOK
Mrs. Thelma Grantt
Mrs. Lillie Proctor
Mrs. Lucy Wehunt
Mrs. Carroll Rudisill

OAK GROVE
Mr. Henry Guggisberg

OLIVET
Mr. Otha Elliott (Deacon)
Mr. Bynum Eades
Mr. Albert Setzer

PINEY GROVE
Mr. Locke Rink
Mr. Robert Kamonski
Mrs. Edna Storie

REEPSVILLE
Miss Hazel Hoover

RIVER VIEW
Mr. Sam Davis
Mrs. Maude Mauney
Mrs. Flossie Coffey
Mr. Elmer Clagg
Mrs. Beatrice Faircloth

ROSELAND
Mr. John B. Summey

SALEM
Mr. Joe Babb (Deacon)
Mrs. Pearl O. Babb
Mrs. Emma L. Helms
Mrs. Lila Senter Hoyle
William McLeod

SHARON
Mrs. Elevyn Fisher
Mrs. Pearl Bivens
Mr. Charlie Grigg

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. Pride Beal
Mrs. Dorse Elmore
Mrs. Lee Armstrong
Mrs. R.C. Goodwin

TEMPLE
Mrs. Callie Anthony
Mr. Ralph Brown

WESTPORT
Dr. George Rosenbaum
Mr. Tracy Hammond
Mr. Charlie Drye

OCTOBER 1985

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Bold Mission Launch	7	8 Exec.Committee BW/BYW Prayer Ret.	9	10 Evang.Conf., Hickory	11	12
13 WMU Council World Hunger Day	14 Ministers' Conf.	15	16	17 Ministers' Bkfst Lincoln House Acteen Act.,Pearl	18	19
20	21 ANNUAL MEETING Assn.Youth Council	22 North Brook	23	24	25 BYW Convention	26
27 PEOPLE SEARCH/SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION	28	29	30	31	Emphases: Cooperative Program; Church Budget Development; Outreach Month	

NOVEMBER 1985

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphasis: Stewardship and Budget Promotion					1	2
3	4 Ministers' Conference	5 Exec.Comm.	6	7 Baptist Women's Banquet	8	9
Royal Ambassador Week, November 3-9						
10	11 Baptist State	12 Convention,Charlotte.....	13	14 GA Banquet,Salem	15	16
17 American Bible Society Day	18	19	20	21 GA Banquet,Mt. Ruhama	22	23
Foreign Mission Study—1985, November 17-20						
24	25 Associational Church Training "M" Night	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

DECEMBER 1985

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 1-8						
8 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School	9 Ministers' Wives' Fellowship	10 Exec. Comm. Assn. Board	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Emphasis and Activity: Foreign Missions; Student Day at Christmas

JANUARY 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASIS: Make Your Will Month			1 New Year's Day	2	3 MINISTERS/WIVES DROP-IN, The Pennell's	4 CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR AFTERGLOW Grades 7 - 12 Salem
5	6	7	8	9	10 CT ENABLER CONF.	11 CARAWAY
	Bible Study Week, January 6-10					
12 WMU COUNCIL, Assn. Witness Commitment Day	13 MINISTERS' CONF.	14 EXECUTIVE COMM. WMU ENLISTMENT	15	16 MINISTERS' BKFST	17	18
19	20 ASSN. YOUTH COUNCIL 10:00 MUSIC COUNCIL East Mdn.	21 GOOD NEWS RALLY FBC, Linc.	22	23 ASSN. COUNCIL	24	25 BAPTIST MEN'S BREAKFAST
	ASSIST TNG					
26 Baptist Men's Day	27 Assn. CT Leadership Conference	28 TACMO	29	30	31	

FEBRUARY 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASIS: Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools						1
2 Baptist World Alliance Sunday	3 EVANG. CONF.,GREENSBORO.....	4	5	6	7	8
9 Race Relations Sunday	10 MINISTERS/WIVES FELLOWSHIP CT DOCTRINE SEMINAR FBC, Charlotte	11 EXECUTIVE COMM.	12	13 ASSN. SS WORKERS TNG, Southside	14	15
16 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day	17	18 HOME MISSION STUDY	19	20 MINISTERS BKFST	21	22
23 GARDNER-WEBB MINISTERIAL DAY Volunteer in Missions Sunday	24 New Church Member Seminar,FBC, Gastonia	25 TACMO	26	27	28	

Focus on WMU, February 9-15

Home Mission Study—1986, February 16-19

MARCH 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASIS: Home Missions						1
2	3	4	5	6 STATE VBS CLINICS.....	7 MEDIA DIR. TRAINING with Jean Atkinson, Lincoln Avenue	8 Youth Choir Fest. Winston
Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 2-9						
9 Home Missions Day In Sunday School	10 MINISTERS' CONF.	11 EXECUTIVE COMM. ASSN. BOARD	12	13	14	15 Associational Baptist Youth Night
Youth Week, March 9-16						
16	17 ASSN. YOUTH COUNCIL 10:00am WMU COUNCIL	18 TACMO	19	20 MINISTERS' CONF. Sunday School Regional PS & CH Seminar	21	22
Simultaneous Revivals, March 16-April 6						
23 Start-a-Church Commitment Day	24 GOOD NEWS AMERICA	25 GOD LOVES YOU REVIVAL	26	27	28	29
30 Easter	31					

APRIL 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 WMU ANNUAL MTG David Memorial	2	3	4	5 ADULT CHOIR EASTER AFTERGLOW, 7:00, Westport
6	7 Assn. VBS Pre-Clinic, 7:00	8 Executive Comm.	9	10	11 STATE MEDIA CONF., CARAWAY	12
		Simultaneous Revivals, April 6-27				
13	14 MINISTERS' CONF.	15 STEWARDSHIP MTG 10:30am Western Steer TACMO	16	17 MINISTERS' BKFST STATE WMU ANNUAL MEETING, RALEIGH	18	19
		Jewish Fellowship Week, April 14-20				
20 Cooperative Program Day	21 MUSIC COUNCIL 7;00-East Mdn	22	23	24 BYW Annual Banquet	25	26 RA TRACK & FIELD DAY
		Baptist Doctrine Study, April 21-25				
27 Life Commitment Sunday	28	29 ASSN. VBS CLINIC 7;00	30	EMPHASES: Life Commitment and Church Vocations; Church Media Libraries		

MAY 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASES: Annual Church Council Planning; Chaplaincy Ministries				1 PRESCHOOL/ YOUTH MUSIC Wkshop 7:00,Calvary	2	3 BW PRAYER BKFST
4 Senior Adult Day	5 RUTH PRINCE..... (To help organiz	6 EXECUTIVE COMM. /strengthen Church	7 Training within	8 churches)	9	10
Christian Home Week, May 4-11						
11 Mother's Day	12 MINISTERS' CONF. KEY LEADERSHIP, RI	13 GECREST.....	14	15 MINISTERS BKFST Acteens Activity	16	17
18 Baptist Radio and Television Sunday	19 YOUTH COUNCIL	20 TACMO	21	22 OPEN HOUSE.....	23	24 GA ACTIVITY DAY CAMP
	Associational Emphasis Week, May 19-25					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

JUNE 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Religious Liberty Sunday	2 MINISTERS' CONF.	3	4	5	6	7 ASSN. WORLD HUNGE MULTI-CHOICE ATHON
8	9 WMU Annual Meeting Atlanta, Georgia June 8-9	10 Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, June 10-12	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17 EXECUTIVE COMM. ASSN. BOARD	18	19 MINISTERS BKFST	20	21
22 Annuity Board Sunday	23	24 TACMO	25	26	27	28
29 Christian Citizenship Sunday	30					

EMPHASES AND ACTIVITIES:
Annuity Board Ministries; Baptist Heritage; Planning by Church Organizations and Leadership Training; Vacation Bible Schools; Conferences: Glorieta and Ridgecrest

JULY 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASES: Christian Literature: State Papers, Denominational Publications, and Missionary Magazines; Conferences: Ridgecrest and Glorieta		1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8 EXECUTIVE COMM.	9	10	11 YOUTH EVANG. CRUSADE	12
13 Christian Literature Day	14 MINISTERS' CONF. WMU COUNCIL	15 TACMO	16	17 MINISTERS BKFST ACTEEN ACTIVITY	18	19
20	21 Music Council	22	23	24 ASSN. COUNCIL	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASES: On to College Day; Conferences: Glorieta and Ridgecrest					1 WMU OFFICERS(Assn.), Caraway	2
3 Day of Prayer For World Peace	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Language Missions Day	11 MINISTERS' CONF.	12 EXECUTIVE COMM.	13	14	15	16 BYW ACTIVITY
17	18	19	20	21 MINISTERS BKFST	22 CT MINI CONFERENCE	23 CARAWAY
24	25 KEY LEADERSHIP	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Church Music Emphasis Week, August 24-31

SEPTEMBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6 BACK TO SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY
7	8 MINISTERS' CONF.	9 EXECUTIVE COMM. ASSN. BOARD	10	11	12	13
Brotherhood Leadership Week, September 7-13						
14 Single Adult Day	15	16 Associational Sunday School Leadership Night	17	18 MINISTERS BKFST ASSN. WMU LDRSHP	19	20
21	22	23 TACMO	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	EMPHASES AND ACTIVITIES: Foundations, Southern Baptist and State; Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted by states); State Missions Day in Sunday School and Offering (Sunday following Season of Prayer)			

Sunday School Preparation Week, September 28-October [illegible]

OCTOBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASES: Cooperative Program Church Budget Development; Outreach Month			1	2	3	4
5	6 ASSN. BAPTIST MEN & RA TRAINING	7 Assoc WMU Prayer Retreat -	8	9 REGIONAL EVANG. CONF.,Hickory	10 REGIONAL EVANG. CONF.,Charlotte	11
12 World Hunger Day	13 MINISTERS' CONF. WMU COUNCIL	14 EXECUTIVE COMM.	15	16 MINISTERS BKFST Acteen Activity -	17	18
19	20 ANNUAL MEETING...	21 .....Boger City	22	23	24	25
26	27 MUSIC COUNCIL 6:00 YOUTH LEADERS 7:00	28 TACMO	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EMPHASIS: Stewardship and Budget Promotion						1
2	3 MINISTERS' CONF. CHURCH SECRETARIES	4 EXECUTIVE COMM. CONF.,Caraway	5	6 BW BANQUET Citizens Center	7	8
Royal Ambassador Week, November 2-8						
9	10 **BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, Greensboro**	11 **BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, Greensboro**	12	13 GA BANQUET	14	15
16 American Bible Society Day	17	18 TACMO	19	20 MINISTERS BKFST GA BANQUET	21	22
Foreign Mission Study—1986, November 16-19						
23	24 Associational Church Training "M" Night	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30						

DECEMBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 30-December 7						
7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School	8 MINISTERS' CONF.	9 EXECUTIVE COMM. ASSN. BOARD	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 TACMO	17	18 MINISTERS BKFST	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27 YOUTH CHOIR AFTERGLOW
28	29	30	31			

EMPHASIS AND ACTIVITY:
Foreign Missions;
Student Day at Christmas

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South Fork Baptist Association

ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 20, 1986
Boger City Baptist Church
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Theme: "Sharing the Dream"

B.J. Morris, Presiding

5:45-6:15	Registration	
6:00	Prelude	Harold Caldwell, Jr.
6:15	Devotion and Prayer	Max Turner
6:25	**Organization and Order of Business**	
	Welcome	B. J. Morris
	Recognition of Visitors	B. J. Morris
	Introduction of New Workers	Glain S. Pennell
	Hymn No. 287 "Pass It On"	Congregation
6:35	**Reports and Miscellaneous Business**	
	Treasurer	Norma Keever
	Finance Committee	Bob Wise
	Program Committee	Shirley Alexander
	Executive Committee	Fred Carpenter
	Constitution Study Committee	Harold King
	Long Range Planning Committee	Glain S. Pennell
6:50	Message in Music "Do You Really Care"	Dale Gilbert
6:55	Scripture Reading	Bobby Simmons
	Annual Sermon	Harold King
7:25	Break	
8:05	Musical Interlude	Harold Caldwell, Jr.
8:10	Christian Higher Education	Christopher White President, Gardner-Webb College
8:25	Introduction of Speaker	B. J. Morris
	Special Music "Eternal Life"	Dale Gilbert
8:30	Missionary Address	Lamar Tribble Santa Cruz, Bolivia
9:00	Benediction	Tom Berry

Tuesday, October 21, 1986
Boger City Baptist Church
Lincolnton, North Carolina

Robert Wensil, Presiding

5:45-6:15	Registration	
6:00	Prelude	Judi Grice
6:15	Devotion and Prayer	Lee Roy Smith
6:25	Welcome	B. J. Morris
	Recognition of Visitors	Robert Wensil
	Hymn No. 277 "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"	Congregation
6:35	**Reports and Miscellaneous Business**	
	Election of New Officers	
	Nominating Committee	Virginia Wright
	Committee on Committees	Blair Wilkinson
	Memorials	Jeff Cranford
	Resolutions Committee	Darrell Bost
	Constitution Study Committee	Harold King
6:50	Doctrine of Prayer	Bill Bigham
7:20	Break	
7:50	Special Music	Boger City Senior Saints Choir
7:55	**Recognitions**	
	Clerks	Shirley Alexander
	Music	Harold Caldwell, Jr.
	Seminary Extension	Harold King
	Sunday School	Glain S. Pennell
	Director of Mission's Remarks	Glain S. Pennell
8:25	Introduction of Speaker	Robert Wensil
	Special Music	Boger City Senior Saints Choir
8:30	Message	Coy Privette Christian Action League
9:00	Benediction	J. W. Crouse

Moderator - B.J. Morris
Vice-Moderator - Robert Wensil
Clerk - Shirley Alexander
Music Director - Harold Caldwell, Jr.
Parliamentarian - Kermit Caldwell
Director of Missions - Glain S. Pennell

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY
Cecil Parker

Southern Baptist gifts to the Bible cause is a blessing from God and a source of great encouragement to us. Significant progress was made in the areas of both distribution and translation during 1985. Calls for Bibles and New Testaments in local languages came from all quarters of the globe, especially from churches in the Third World. More than 542,000,000 Scriptures were distributed worldwide in 1985.

Testimony of the transforming power of the Scriptures in people's lives pour in from around the world. At both the national and international levels, new horizons have opened up as your generosity carried the Good News of Jesus Christ, in the form of urgently needed Scriptures, "to the ends of the earth." In famine-ravaged Ethiopia, a Bible is still a prized possession. Bible workers reported distributing 132,918 Scriptures during 1985. In Mexico, the agenda for Bible work was dramatically reshaped by the devastating earthquakes which struck Mexico City in September, claiming thousands of lives and leaving some 300,000 homeless. 16,135,801 Scriptures were distributed. In the Philippines, a country of 7,107 islands where approximately 135 languages and dialects are spoken, a continuing high priority was given to Scripture translation. In Brazil, Scripture distribution showed a dramatic upswing as 83,773,751 copies of Scripture was circulated, Bible workers made special efforts to reach out with God's Word to the old, the sick, invalids, prisoners, and the very poor. In the United States, a total of 96,222,967 Scriptures was distributed nationwide. We were especially pleased to produce 100,000 copies in ten languages of an imprint of the Gospel of John entitled "Good News America, God Loves You" for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. A major achievement was the translation and publication of the firstever Bible in the language of the Navajo Indians, the largest native language group in North America, numbering some 150,000 people.

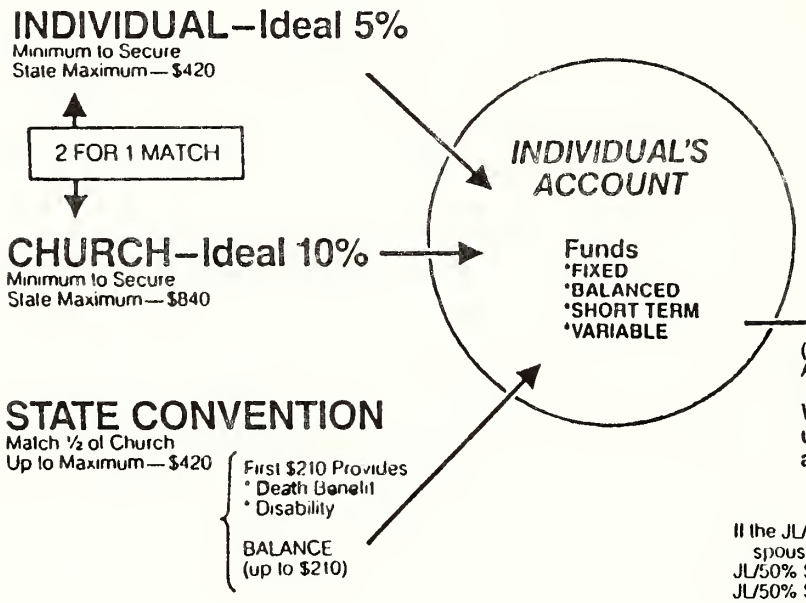
The American Bible Society expects 1986 to be a year of unique and exciting opportunities for World Scripture outreach. The Southern Baptist Convention was an indispensable partner in the worldwide Bible cause during 1985 and your expanded support is essential in the year ahead as we seek to extend this vital Scripture ministry to embrace all those throughout the world who are still eagerly awaiting God's Word.

ANNUITY BOARD
Garry Baldwin

The Annuity Board is planning on expanding its program to better meet the needs of ministers. The following "expanded Church Annuity Plan" diagram will explain what's involved in the **new** program. Please keep in mind that this goes into effect in January 1988, but churches should make a decision in the near future as to whether or not to participate.

expanded Church Annuity Plan

–JANUARY 1988



What is relative amount of benefit under the options as compared with a Joint Life/50% Survivorship annuity?

	Per Mo.
If the JL/50% Surv. member age 65, spouse age 63	100.00 %
JL/50% Surv. w/10yr. certain is	99.87 %
JL/50% Surv. w/20yr. certain is	99.02 %
JL/100% Surv. is	93.66 %
JL/100% Surv. w/10yr. certain is	93.42 %
JL/100% Surv. w/20yr. certain is	91.97 %
10-yr. Fixed Period Benefit is	132.31 %
15-yr. Fixed Period Benefit is	108.36 %
20-yr. Fixed Period Benefit is	97.86 %

*NOTE: There are other options

The association has already voted to participate, and we encourage each church to give consideration to adopting this plan.

If you have any questions, please call the Annuity Board 1-800-262-0511.

ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD
B.J. Morris

The Associational Board is composed of associational leaders, pastors of member churches and two elected representatives from each member church.

Four quarterly meetings were held in the following:

December '85	- Westport	June '86	- River View
March '86	- Oak Grove	Sept. '86	- Hull's Grove

Associational Board Cont'd

Reports were received by the Board from elected leaders and the Director of Missions.

The Board approved the following:

- Naming of a Constitution Study Committee - Harold King, Chmn, Sue Davis, Emmett Turbyfill
- Created position of Asst. RA Director and Baptist Men's Pres.
- $2,700 from the Missions Account for Harvest Time Pastoral Support (if needed)
- named Phil Campbell to replace Arthur Brown on Exec. Comm.
- purchase of two-line telephone system for the office
- purchase of AB Dick folding machine
- cover expenses for Victor Alvarado and family to attend Home Missions Week at Ridgecrest
- application form and guidelines for requesting affiliation with South Fork Baptist Association
- $1500 from Missions fund to assist in enlarging the sanctuary of Harvest Time Baptist Church

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BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
Vivian Jones

The Centennial Year for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina was concluded with an exciting, informative and inspiring day on November 11, 1985. The exciting words of Dr. Blackwell, in behalf of our staff, children and trustees, renewed the commitment to continue fulfilling the mission and broad purpose of this child care ministry. Those words still ring in the ears of those present for this occasion.

The mission is to care for dependent, neglected, homeless and troubled children; unwed mothers and their children; and the rendering of related services to the relatives. Services are directed toward the preservation, conservation and rehabilitation of families to avoid, wherever possible, the placement of the child away from home.

In our one hundredth and first year of child care, more than 1,500 children were served. From this group of children/youth, many had no religious affiliation when admitted to our care. Our pastors baptized more than twenty-five youth into the fellowship of the local church.

The New Homes & Hospital Offering, approved by the Convention last November, claimed the attention of our staff during the first five months of 1986. The offering was received in May with fifty percent of that which was received going to the Children's Homes, twenty-five percent to the Hospital and twenty-five percent to the Retirement Homes. The goal was $1.6 million. We encourage you to help promote the new offering in your church during May 1987.

Update/Charlotte Area:

The Charlotte Family Services Center serves eight counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly and Union,

offering placement services and information for emergency care, group care, foster care, maternity care and therapeutic camping. The Charlotte area offices have relocated to the new Associational Building at 328 W. Independence Blvd. We invite you to come to see us. We also invite you to visit the Charlotte Emergency Youth Care Center at 9741 John Russell Road to learn first hand about the work being done in our emergency care facility. A visit can be scheduled by calling child care workers Bobby and Clara Goodman at 597-1747.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support of our ministry to children and families.

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

Alvin Hoyle

In recognition of the increased proportion of adults now 65 or older, the Baptist Retirement Homes of N.C., Inc., has sought to create a broader awareness of its services across the state. Implementing state-of-the-art communication techniques through the Biblical Recorder, local newspapers and direct contacts, the Homes is effectively making itself known to greater numbers of Senior Adults and to a concerned and responsive denominational community.

The leadership is addressing major changes which suggest a need for an adjustment of services. The sheer size of the Senior Adult population in the next decade is expected to require a significant expansion of existing services. Already consideration is being given to the construction of Continuing Care Communities in Asheville and Charlotte and to the renovation of the campus in Winston-Salem.

With extended longevity, the Baptist Retirement Homes anticipates ministering to Senior Adults who will live longer and healthier lives. More choices need to be available to these individuals as they experience added years of activity. Planning has begun to move beyond the standard services now available to consider additional possibilities such as home delivery of health services.

While the past year has brought a forward look at the direction of retirement care, atention has also been directed toward improvement of existing services. The following facts and figures highlight the achievements of the Baptist Retirement Homes from August, 1985 through June, 1986:

- Sound financial management again eliminated the need to increase residential fees.
- Over $900,000 of benevolent care was provided to residents.
- Of a projected 3.4 million dollar budget, the Cooperative Program and Homes & Hospital Offerings provided $785,000.
- Over 40 new residents were admitted to the Homes & Nursing Care.

- Construction and renovation of seven new housing units was completed in Willow Cove on the Winston-Salem campus.
- Bill Stillerman became the new President of the Homes.
- Jack Hoyle was appointed Vice-President in Charge of Administration.
- Carolyn Bunting was appointed Assistant to the Pres. for Admissions.
- Jim Saul was appointed Assistant to the Pres. for Personnel.
- Don Peiffer was appointed Assistant to the Pres. for Business Affairs.
- A video tape, "Not An Ordinary Person," produced by the Homes in 1985, won the M.E. Dodd Award for Video and Film Productions.
- Residential and apartment living remain available. Requests should be made through the Assistant to the President for Admissions.

Under the focused and energetic leadership of Bill Stillerman, President of the Homes since November, 1985, the fine tradition initiated by past Presidents will continue. Yet, the Trustees and Administrative Staff of the Baptist Retirement Homes believe the participation of North Carolina Baptists to be critical for the successful growth of the Homes. By remaining sensitive to retirement care issues and by staying informed and supportive of services offered by the Retirement Homes, North Carolina Baptists can help assure a system of services adequate to the growing demand.

BROTHERHOOD
Doug Felts

Strides have been made in Brotherhood work this year. As we look back over the events of 1985-86, we recall that new brotherhood work was begun in the newest church in our association, Denver Baptist Church, and we give praise to God for the willingness of these men to get involved in service. We also think of the many times the men of Olivet and Mtn. View have traveled to Southport to work in the restoration of our own N.C. Baptist Assembly, Fort Caswell. Again in April boys of many churches gathered for the annual Track and Field events, which was well attended. A first in the association was a Father and Son Banquet held at Mtn. View. This was well attended with eight churches bringing 85 men and boys for an evening of good food, fellowship, and an excellent keynote speaker, Gary Newell.

We have also had opportunity to help our brothers and sisters at Harvest Time to enlarge their meeting place. Again, we give praise to God for great things He has done.

Our North Carolina Brotherhood staff is giving Baptist Men another opportunity to serve through the building of church buildings across our state. The request is for 5,000 men to donate 5 work days to an association bordering ours so no one would have to drive too far to work for a day.

Accept the challenge and get involved so the name of Jesus may be glorified for ever and ever.

Upcoming event: Brotherhood (Baptist Men/RA) Leaders are invited to attend a Training Session, October 30, 7:00 P.M., First Church, Maiden. The state convention is providing the leadership for this session.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE
B.J. Morris

If Christianity is authentic, then, it must be reflected in the daily walk of the followers of Jesus Christ.

Helping Christians to apply the moral demands of the Good News of Jesus Christ remains the top priority of the Christian Action League.

There is much to rejoice about what has occurred in the last 12 months, but it is also a time to renew our efforts for new battles on the horizon.

I. **Obscenity:** The state's new Comprehensive Obscenity and Child Protection Act has been met with unusual success. Some 12 months ago, law enforcement officials stated that North Carolina had some 750 hard core porno outlets making our state the nation's "smutt" capital. Today, only about 150 remain in operation, and most of these are facing porno charges with court cases pending.

For all practical purposes,convenience stores and other retail establishments have removed sexually oriented publications such as PLAYBOY, HUSTLER, PENTHOUSE, ETC. Others have placed the material behind the counter or behind "blinder" racks where they are not accessible to minors.

Video stores have cleaned their shelves of sexually explicit materials rather than face prosecution.

Cable porn programs like the Playboy Channel have been discontinued in communities such as Hickory, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham, etc.

Indictments have been brought against ADAM & EVE - the largest porno distributor in the Southeast, located in Orange County.

The battle is not over for the cause of decency. The pornography industry and its sympathizers are already raising funds and seeking to build support to get our state's new obscenity law "watered down" in the the 1987 legislature.

II. **Alcohol (Liquor-Beer-Wine):** The League remains the only organization in North Carolina providing assistance to communities involved in fighting our no. 1 addicting drug. Referendums have been defeated in nine counties/cities. These victories were the result of strong, aggressive leadership on the part of caring people.

III. Gambling: In 1987, the church will probably face its strongest challenge yet from the gambling industry.

Pro-lottery forces have already stated that they will be back before the 1987 legislature with an all-out effort to secure a state-wide lottery.

Pari-mutuel gambling forces have now come on the scene. A state-wide organization operating under the name, CAROLINA SPORTS ASSN, with offices in High Point are pushing this cause. Rufus Edmisten, the state's former Attorney-General, has been employed by the gambling forces to assist in their drive for pari-mutuel gambling. This group is publishing a newspaper, SPORTING JOURNAL, that is being sent to key business and industrial leaders throughout NC to enlist supporters. Fundraising efforts are also underway. A speaker's bureau has been formed providing programs for civic and community groups on behalf of the gambling cause.

What will be the outcome of both efforts? Basically, the decision will be made in the November, 1986, General Election. If a few more pro-gambling legislators win seats in the legislature, the war is over. In the 1985 session, the lottery went down to defeat with a tie vote. That is how close the issue already is in our state.

Billy Sunday said, "The only thing worse than an empty voting booth is an empty head in the voting booth."

The position for the 1987 NC House and Senate candidates on the gambling issues must be obtained and shared with the Christian community so voters will be informed when ballots are marked.

Plato said , "The price that good people pay for not being involved in politics is to be governed by people worse than themselves."

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Richard Williams

CAMPBELL - CHOWAN - GARDNER-WEBB - MARS HILL
1887 1848 1905 1856
MEREDITH - WAKE FOREST - WINGATE
1891 1834 1895

North Carolina is a recognized leader in Christian higher education. Baptists have established and supported seven colleges for a cumulative total of 786 years. Leaders who formed the Baptist State Convention in 1830 did so with founding a college in mind. Baptists and their colleges have grown up together in NC. The histories of the Convention, the churches and the colleges are inseparably intertwined.

The "roll call" of colleges, and a brief mention of current items of interest and concern, are listed for the benefit of associations:

Campbell - During 1986, there is a special observance of the centennial year, using as a theme "A Century of Vision and Service." The new School of Pharmacy will open in the fall, and a School of Education has been established for graduate studies. Programs are offered in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Fort Bragg, Sanford, and in Wales and Malaysia.

Chowan - Enjoys a national reputation as a two year institution of high quality. President Bruce E. Whitaker was recently named as one of the 17 most effective chief college administrators in the nation. Chowan is engaged in a four million dollar campaign for additional student aid, scholarship assistance and program support.

Gardner-Webb - On May 31, 1986, Dr. Craven E. Williams completed his tenure as president, begun in July, 1976. On June 1, Dr. M. Christopher White, Vice President of Elon College, became the 10th president of Gardner-Webb. Included in its many educational programs are assistance for deaf and blind students who wish to earn a college degree.

Mars Hill - A comprehensive revision of the General Studies curriculum, to be implemented in the fall of 1987, includes statements of convictions by the faculty. Included in these are the centrality of Christian faith, morals and purposeful life, responsible citizenship and the value of work. Scholarships to attract superior students continues to be a major emphasis.

Meredith - "Thorough instruction" and "culture made perfect through the religion of Jesus Christ" are central to the college mission. Extensive studies during 1986 resulted in a reaffirmation of Meredith's commitment to education for women in both undergraduate and graduate programs. Construction of the Gaddy-Hamrick Art Center was begun in June.

Wake Forest - Conversations continue between Convention leaders and university trustees to clarify the basis for a continuing relationship. Founded in 1834 by North Carolina Baptists, Wake Forest is acknowledged as a superior university among church-related schools in the nation.

Wingate - Looking toward its one hundredth anniversary in 1995, the college has entered a 10-year, 30 million dollar "Second Century: Vision for Excellence" campaign. Numerous building, renovation and beautification projects are planned, in addition to library expansion, faculty support and student financial aid.

CHRISTIAN LIFE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS
B.J. Morris

The Christian Life Commission is grateful for another year marked by significant gains in several areas of its ministry on behalf of Southern Baptists.

A close and effective working relationship has been maintained with

with Christian Life Committees in associations and in local churches. Christian Life Committees in churches now number a record 1,525.

The Commission has provided support materials for special emphasis days related to ethics on the Southern Baptist calendar. Bible-based themes, articles and art work accompany the copy related to sanctity of human life, race relations, Christian citizenship, peace with justice, and world hunger.

A new "Help for Families" series included four new videotapes and fifteen new or up-dated pamphlets. The new videotapes deal with poronography, divorce, television, and changing roles in marriage.

The Christian Life Commission has the primary responsibility for education and action related to hunger. Wide distribution of the 1985-86 Hunger Awareness/Action Guide helped Southern Baptists to reach a new high in their gifts for hunger relief. Hunger gifts for 1985 totaled $11,830,146. The Foreign Mission Board received $10,625,897 for hunger ministries abroad and $1,204,249 went to the Home Mission Board for domestic hunger.

In reviewing the past year, the Christian Life Commission is encouraged and faces the future with faith, hope, and renewed commitment.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
Melvin Rabb

The Biblical Recorder brings to the Baptists of North Carolina reports on missions, evangelism, benevolences and education. Our State Paper tries to give special support to the causes of the whole denomination.

Readership of the paper is high. Comments, letters and other communications with the Recorder indicate Baptists read this paper. In 1833 the Recorder was founded to see that information concerning Baptist work was made available to the people. This still remains a top priority.

Despite a tremendous increase ($96,000) in the cost of second-class postage during 1986, subscription rates will not be raised for the fifth consecutive year. Many of the other major state Baptist papers such as the Recorder have already found it necessary to raise their rates, but the directors, working with the editor, have found ways to avoid subscription price increases.

The current rates are: Church Budget Plan, $5.00 per subscription for every resident family; Church Plan (four or more), $6.00; Individuals, $7.00. If your church does not have the Every Family Plan, special introductory offers are available. Please contact: The Biblical Recorder, 232 W. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, NC 27609 919-847-2127

CHURCH TRAINING
C. Neal Alexander, Jr.

Church Training had its busiest year ever. It began with "M" Night on November 25, 1985 with the theme - "Bringing Together Lordship and Servanthood." The speaker was Phillip King of Hickory. Several areas of Church Training were highlighted.

The Associational Church Training team attended the Enabler Conference at Caraway on January 10-11. Each member received training and materials for their respective area. The Associational Church Training Conference was held January 27 at Boger City.

Three members of the Associational Church Training team attended the regional training on February 10 in Charlotte on the Doctrine Study, "The Doctrine of the Laity." This study was taught on April 27 at Lincoln Avenue with some 75 in attendance.

Four members of the Associational Church Training team attended the regional training on February 24 in Gastonia on "New Member Church Training" in preparation for the Good News America revivals. This training was provided on March 10 at Lincoln Avenue with 35 in attendance.

In May, Maurice Cooper, BSC, CT Director, and Jim Simpson, BSC, Asst. CT Director, and Ruth Prince, CT Consultant, conducted a Church Training Interpretation at First Baptist Church, Lincolnton. This program was presented to some 55 pastors and CT Directors on "What's New in CT", and "How the Various Materials Can Be Used" in any church regardless of size. Ruth Prince also spent the week working with five churches in the association in strengthening their CT Programs.

Two requests were received for assistance in expanding their CT Programs.

In May the CT Director attended Key Leadership at Ridgecrest in preparation for Assn. Key Leadership Conference, held in August.

Two of the enabler team members (and 1 substitute) attended the CT Mini-Conference at Caraway in preparation for the new year.

The Enabler Team for 1985-86 was: Neal Alexander, CT Director; Raymond Hamrick, Adult Director; Mike Gwinn, Youth Director; Carolyn Baker, Children's Director; Patricia Hallman, Preschool Director.

Thank you for allowing us to serve during this past year!

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES
Blair Wilkinson, Chairman

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

1987	Carolyn Baker, Rt. 7 Box 741, Lincolnton 28092	735-3552
1988	*Walter Adams, Rt. 2 Box 449, Maiden 28650	428-9604
1989	Joyce Reel, Rt. 2 Box 503, Iron Station 28080	483-2360

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

1987	Carolyn Baker, Rt. 7 Box 741, Lincolnton 28092	735-3552
	Don Ferrell, Rt. 2 Box 394, Newton 28658	428-8818
1988	Melvin Rabb, PO Box 386, Maiden 28650	428-8451
	Emmett Turbyfill, Rt. 2 Box 298, Maiden 28650	428-9117
1989	Raymond Hamrick, Rt. 1 Box 206, Maiden 28650	483-5806
	Truitt Beard, 902 E. Boyd St., Maiden 28650	428-9446
	(These are to be appointed by the Moderator)	

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

1987	Dewey Aiken, Rt. 3 Box 469B, Lincolnton 28092	735-7177
1988	*Harold King, Rt. 1 Box 233, Vale 28168	276-2349
1989	Clay Groves, Rt. 2 Box 387, Iron Station 28080	735-0607

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1987	Charles Cranford, PO Box 676, Lincolnton 28092	732-1131
	Fred Carpenter, Rt. 3 Box CH33, Lincolnton 28092	735-8508
1988	Kathie Aiken, Rt. 3 Box 469B, Lincolnton 28092	735-7177
	Edward Helms, Rt. 1 Box 420, Lincolnton 28092	735-8294
1989	Melvin Rabb, PO Box 386, Maiden 28650	428-8451
	Emmett Turbyfill, Rt. 2 Box 298, Maiden 28650	428-9117

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1987	*Gary Rankin, Rt. 2 Box 88, Stanley 28164	263-8321
	Becky Mullen, Rt. 5 Box 286, Lincolnton 28092	735-0227
1988	Don McSwain, Rt. 7 Box 785, Lincolnton 28092	735-7367
	Elliott Loftin, Rt. 6 Box 238, Lincolnton 28092	735-4980
1989	Floyd Loftin, Rt. 3 Box 755, Lincolnton 28092	735-8686
	Phillip Tillman, Rt. 1 Box 330, Alexis 28006	263-1384

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

1987	*Bill Bigham, Box 221, Denver 28037	483-4188
	Andy Broughton, Rt. 2 Box 635, Iron Station 28080	735-6624
1988	Shirley Alexander, 109 Fran Avenue, Lincolnton 28092	732-0654
	James Cool, PO Box 441, Lincolnton 28092	735-8057
1989	Silvia Allison,16 McMillan Heights, Iron Station 28080	735-2714
	Georgianna Martin, Box 30 Lowesville Square, Stanley 28164	827-2066

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1987	W.L. Pitts, 111 Wendover Dr., Lincolnton 28092	732-1079
	*Joy Rankin, Rt. 2 Box 88, Stanley 28164	263-8321
1988	Jimmie Stroupe, Box 312, Alexis 28006	263-2229
	Lawrence Robertson, Rt. 4 Box 514, Lincolnton 28092	735-2368
1989	Rita Felts, Rt. 2 Box 243A, Maiden 28650	428-8381
	Shirley Alexander, 109 Fran Ave., Lincolnton 28092	732-0654

Committee on Committees Cont'd

ORDINATION COMMITTEE		
1987	*Melvin Rabb, PO Box 386, Maiden 28650	428-8319
	Clay Groves, Rt. 2 Box 387, Iron Station 28080	735-0607
1988	Robert Wensil, Rt. 1 Box 12, Iron Station 28080	735-9679
	Wayne Hinson, Rt. 1 Box 268, Denver 28037	735-2179
1989	Neal Reel, Rt. 5 Box 217, Lincolnton 28092	735-8357
	Conrad Hefner, Rt.1 Box 258, Iron Station 28080	735-7870
PROGRAM COMMITTEE		
1987	David Mills, Rt. 2 Box 113AA, Catawba 28609	478-2609
	Jeff Cranford, PO Box 714, Lincolnton 28092	732-1101
1988	*Clyde Morris, Rt. 1 Box 146D, Sherrills Ford 28673	483-2664
	Phillip Campbell, PO Box 714, Lincolnton 28092	732-1101
1989	Kathie Aiken, Rt. 3 Box 469B, Lincolnton 28092	735-7177
	Hazel King, Rt. 1 Box 233, Vale 28168	276-2349
PROPERTIES COMMITTEE		
1987	*Terry Isenhour, Rt. 2 Box 653, Lincolnton 28092	732-1067
1988	Buddy Pigg, Rt. 2 Box 497, Maiden 28650	428-2168
1989	J.W. Crouse, Rt. 6 Box 385, Lincolnton 28092	735-1806
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE		
1987	*Darrell Bost, Rt. 1 Box 290, Lincolnton 28092	735-9740
1988	Paul Stamey, Rt. 1 Box 131, Lincolnton 28092	735-6020
1989	Lue Bryant, 227 Story St., Lincolnton 28092	735-5573
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE		
1987	Phillip R. Carr, 102 Lakeview St., Stanley 28164	263-8753
1988	*Tom Berry, Rt. 4 Box 802, Lincolnton 28092	732-2508
1989	Bob Wise, Rt. 2 Box 196, Lincolnton 28092	276-1840
STUDENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE		
1987	*Rebekah Josey, Rt. 1 Box 355, Maiden 28650	428-9525
	Harold Lindsey, 310 N. Cedar St., Lincolnton 28092	732-3111
1988	Lee Roy Smith, Rt. 2 Box 148, Vale 28168	276-1730
	Roney Sides, Rt. 4 Box 158, Lincolnton 28092	735-0179
1989	Charles Estep, Rt. 2 Box 620, Newton 28658	464-3613
	Dean Sain, Rt. 1 Box 535, Iron Station 28080	735-3825

* Denotes Chairperson

CONSTITUTION STUDY COMMITTEE
Harold King

The Constitution Study Committee makes the following recommendations:

Article VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD

Currently reads: "The Association shall have an Associational Board

composed of the officers of the Association, the Director of Missions, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Church Training Director, the Associational WMU Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational Music Director, the pastors of the member churches, and two members from each member church to be elected by the church. The two members from each church shall be duly certified in the annual letter."

Recommended change: add **the Chairmen of Associational Standing Committees**

If approved, would read: The Association shall have an Associational Board composed of the officers of the Association, the Director of Missions, the Associational Sunday School Director, the Associational Church Training Director, the Associational WMU Director, the Associational Brotherhood Director, the Associational Music Director, **the Chairmen of Associational Standing Committees**, the pastors of the member churches, and two members from each member church to be elected by the church. The two members from each church shall be duly certified in the annual letter.

Article X - COMMITTEES

(1) Currently reads: "The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Missions Committee and six other members of whom at least two shall be other than pastors at all times."

(1) Recommended change: add **the Vice Moderator**

(1) If approved, would read: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, **the Vice Moderator**, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Missions Committee and six other members of whom at least two shall be other than pastors at all times.

EVANGELISM
Harold King

From all indications, "Good News America" was very effective as churches reported many people being saved, and church members becoming more concerned about and involved in reaching the lost for Christ.

Although as an association we did not align ourselves with the recent Dupin area-wide crusade, several of our churches became involved and were blessed by their doing so. It is good not only for "Brethren to dwell together in unity", but to also join in the concern and common cause of leading the lost to Jesus.

In February, 1987, we plan to hold a one-night rally for evangelism in the association. Hopefully, this will be a means to bring us together

for inspiration and renewed enthusiasm in evangelism, as we get on with our divine commission of telling the world about God's saving love.

Much helpful information in the area of evangelism is available for individuals and churches through the Association Office, the State Convention, and the SBC. Don't hesitate to inquire.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Fred Carpenter

The Executive Committee met monthly during the year to review the work of the Director of Missions and to consider the needs of the association.

The following actions were taken:

- Requested the Committee on Committees to name a Constitutional Study Committee.
- Recommended to the Assn. Board the purchase of a two-line phone system and the purchase of an AB Dick folding machine.
- Approved the Director of Missions to attend Minister's Retreat at Caswell.
- Requested that the Board approve Elliott Loftin to sign checks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Bob Wise

Proposed Budget
January 1 - December 31, 1987

	1986 Budget	Proposed 1987 Budget
Director of Mission's Salary	$18,000.00	$18,000.00
Social Security	1,930.00	2,113.00
Car Allowance	4,000.00	4,000.00
Housing Allowance	7,000.00	7,540.00
Conferences & Denominational Expenses	1,300.00	1,600.00
Retirement Plan	2,500.00	3,040.00
Hospital Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00
Life Insurance	750.00	1,000.00
Disability Insurance	200.00	250.00
Office Supplies, Postage	4,000.00	4,500.00
Office Utilities	2,200.00	2,200.00

Finance Committee Cont'd

Office Telephone	1,000.00	2,400.00
Office Secretary	7,280.00	7,720.00
Social Security, Secretary	521.00	552.00
Retirement Plan, Secretary	728.00	772.00
Insurance, Secretary	400.00	400.00
Contingent Salary	500.00	500.00
Christmas Bonus - Director of Missions	350.00	300.00
Christmas Bonus - Secretary		150.00
Janitor & Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,200.00
Insurance, Properties/Workman Comp	700.00	700.00
Maintenance Contracts	825.00	850.00
Clerk	450.00	450.00
Treasurer	450.00	450.00
Annual Meeting	700.00	700.00
Sunday School	750.00	1,000.00
Church Training	400.00	1,000.00
Youth Coordinator	600.00	700.00
WMU	1,480.00	1,650.00
Brotherhood	450.00	500.00
Music	500.00	500.00
Media Center	400.00	400.00
Evangelism	500.00	800.00
Mission Projects	600.00	600.00
Area Resort Ministries	300.00	500.00
VBS	225.00	225.00
Seminary Extension	150.00	250.00
Minister's Conference	100.00	250.00
New Equipment	700.00	700.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	800.00
Total:	$68,739.00	$75,262.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS
Joy Keever

"Lives were changed in 1985 - some of the lost were saved, the homeless found homes, the lonely found families, the unloved found love, God's love. And our visions were expanded as we saw anew how Southern Baptists can be used by God to make an even greater impact on the world's people. It was a stepping stone to a new stage in missions, a new level of reaching out to the people of the world in Jesus' name."

-R. Keith Parks

1985 AT A GLANCE

* An average of 435 persons baptized per day
* A record 429 missionaries appointed
* Overseas Baptists' membership topped 2 million

* A 10 percent increase in theological student enrollment
* Mission work opened in the 106th country
* An historic meeting among leaders of Baptist conventions who send missionaries
* Almost $12 million given for hunger and disaster relief
* 6,759 Southern Baptist volunteers went overseas
* A new channel for volunteers to work in China
* More than 20 million pieces of literature produced
* More than 1.5 million treated in hospitals and clinics
* More than 100 million saw Baptist TV programs and 133 million heard Baptist radio broadcasts

The Foreign Mission Board is the convention's channel through which the churches share the gospel with people of all nations. As 1985 ended, 3,597 Southern Baptist missionaries were serving in 106 countries, constituting the largest Protestant mission force in the world today.

"God so loved the world that He sent us to all of the world's people. We are in the people business - reaching out to people and bringing them to Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that we will thoughtfully, wisely plan our efforts, honestly and sincerely keeping these people, the whole world, in view."

- R. Keith Parks, President, FMB

HOME MISSION BOARD
F. Ray Rummage, Jr.

What is the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention? One might describe it as an agency of the SBC with the task of reaching America for Christ. This description might suffice for those who take a casual glance but such would seem far too simple for the ones who would carefully scrutinize the work of the Home Mission Board (HMB).

The immensity of the task from the standpoint of evangelism alone is overwhelming. There are more than 156 million people in America who have no personal belief in Jesus Christ as their Savior. In addition to Mass Evangelism, the HMB is assigned twelve (12) other programs. The programs include Associational Administration, Black Church Relations, Chaplaincy Ministries, Christian Social Ministries, Church Extension, Church Loans, Evangelism Development, Interfaith Witness, Language Missions, Metropolitan Missions, Personal Evangelism, and Rural-Urban Missions. The needs are far more complicated than we tend to think.

The task requires a tremendous organization, and the HMB is that organization. There are 3,635 home missions personnel who work hard in our mission efforts. In addition to these, 49,728 home missions volunteers gave of their time and ability to do home mission work during 1985. The volunteer program has been very successful, allowing

home missions dollar to go even farther.

Many have a part in home missions without serving as a missionary or volunteer. How? They support home missions with their prayers and their money. Giving and praying that others may serve is important. In 1985, more than 75 percent of the HMB income came from the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Our support of these giving efforts is a must.

The Board of Directors for the Home Mission Board would certainly appreciate our prayers. In June of this year, William G. Tanner, president of the HMB for the past ten years, resigned. As William Tanner moves to Oklahoma and assumes the position of Director of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, the HMB is searching for a new president. A committee was appointed, but controversy has delayed an effective search. Pray for Bob Banks, executive vice president of the HMB, as he meets the responsibilities of the president during the time of securing a new president. Pray for harmony and unity of purpose among the board members. Pray that God's work will not suffer while men discuss their difference.

LONG RANGE PLANNING
Glain S. Pennell

The Long Range Planning Committee has worked during the year through sub-groups ending with a day long planning session at Camp Dogwood. The committee identified need areas in the association and set goals and developed actions to implement the meeting of these needs. The following is the report of the committee:

NEEDS	ACTIONS
I. Develop qualified Assn. Leadership	I. •Provide information and training to those enlisted through the Nominating Committee. Provide Job Descriptions.
II. Strengthen Church Programs	II. •Develop program to strengthen churches in: (a) In-Reach, Out-Reach (b) Senior Adult Ministry (c) Youth Ministry (d) Homebound Ministry (e) Singles Ministry (f) Special Ministries (g) Language Ministries (h) Interfaith Ministry (i) Children's Ministry

Long Range Planning Cont'd

III.	Strengthen On-Going Evangelism	III. •To begin an Assn. Annual Bible Conference by 1987-88 •Provide on-going evangelism opportunities for the association •Continue to locate areas for new work and emphasize the beginning of new units
IV.	Crisis Ministry	IV. •Explore the needs within our association working with our State Baptist agencies re: (a) Teenage pregnancies (b) Battered persons (c) Family Ministries (d) Singles Ministries (e) Half-Way House
V.	Communication	V. •Communicate to churches the nature and function of the association •To publicize the work of the association through local ACTS channels (Maiden/Linc.) •Use of Billboards •Provide slide set of associational activities by purchasing 35mm camera and providing pictoral record of assn. events
VI.	Fellowship	VI. •Through fellowship activities develop a closer working relationship with churches •Open house •Annual Meeting

The Long Range Planning Committee recommends:

(1) Goals and action plans formulated be approved.

(2) The Moderator appoint an Ad hoc committee to study the make-up of a Missions Development Council, develop the job responsibilities for the committee and this committee be implemented by April 1, 1987.

MEDIA
Gloria Perkins

Our media work in the association is going great! On March 8th we hosted a Classifying and Cataloging workshop for church librarians in our area. Jean Adkinson, Media Consultant from Nashville, conducted the conference. We had approximately 23 people to receive credit for this course. Plans are underway now to have another workshop in the spring.

We have expanded the materials available to the churches in our association through the Media/Library in the Associational Office. We have Equipping Centers that cover almost any need for training the workers in your church. We also have Missions Update videos which could be used in your WMU or Brotherhood organizations, and much much more.

A very special "thank you" goes to Marie Caldwell (Salem) who gave so unselfishly of her time to help establish a library at David Memorial Baptist Church. They were able to open this summer in time for VBS.

Also, Marie has spent many hours recently in the Media/Library in the Associational Office. "Thanks" Marie for your dedication.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE
Nathan May

The Associational Missions Committee has met monthly to determine mission needs, to implement plans for meeting these needs and to inform the churches.

Representatives of South Fork Association and Gaston Association met to discuss the Lowesville and Lucia area and the possibility of a "joint effort" between the two associations. This is now on "hold".

Our committee, with the aid of our churches, has worked with the Harvest Time Baptist Church, Vale, to strengthen and enlarge their ministry to the Spanish population and the migrant workers. Highlights of this co-operative effort include: Pastoral Aid provided by churches and from the Association's Mission Fund; sent Victor Alvarado and family to Ridgecrest for Home Missions Week; Harvest Time requested affiliation with South Fork Assn. and watchcare status was granted; ordination of Victor Alvarado; Harvest Time sanctuary was enlarged with assistance from the Assn. Missions Fund and the leadership of Edward Helms; requested and received Pastoral Aid from our State Convention.

Contacted the leadership of Terrell Mission, sponsored by Mount Anderson, to express our appreciation and support of their work.

Contacted the leadership of Lowesville Chapel, sponsored by Salem, to express our appreciation and support of their work. Lowesville Chapel has moved to new facilities (double-wide trailer) on highway 16 with the option to purchase.

Missions Committee Cont'd

Our committee developed and recommended procedure for application for affiliation with South Fork Association for new churches.

Sponsored a "booth" at the Lincoln County Apple Festival to give a cup of cold water, along with a brochure concerning the purpose of an association, as well as Scripture portions.

We encourage churches to be aware of needs in our association and to request help from the Associational Missions Committee to meet these needs.

Recommendation: Harvest Time Baptist Church requested Watchcare. The Executive Committee received the information and the Missions Committee has worked with the church in approving them, therefore, we recommend that Harvest Time Baptist Church be received in full fellowship.

MUSIC
Harold Caldwell, Jr.

The Associational Music Council met on a regular basis during the past year. During these meetings methods were explored in which the programs of the associational churches could best be served.

It was determined that needs existed in the areas of preschool music and youth music. In an attempt to familiarize leaders of these two groups with methods and materials, a workshop was held at Calvary Church in Lincolnton on May 1st. The preschool session was led by council members Edna Ruth Pennell, Brenda Groce and Debbie Whisnant, while the youth session was led by Gene Finley. Although attendance was low, those participating were given practical methods which could be used with their appropriate age groups. The small group setting also permitted those in attendance to have the opportunity to share specific problems and concerns.

On May 3rd the Adult Choir Festival was held at Westport Church in Denver. Eight choirs participated in the worship service by sharing two selections each with choirs and guests who filled the Westport sanctuary.

Although it is difficult to measure the results of activities of this type, responses received from participants of both events have been quite positive.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Virginia Wright, Chairman

GENERAL OFFICERS

Clerk	Shirley Alexander, 109 Fran Ave., Lincolnton 28092	732-0654
Treasurer	Norma Keever, PO Box 1066, Lincolnton 28092	732-1489
Parliamentarian	Kermit Caldwell, 404 N. Main, Maiden 28650	428-9438
Historian	Ann Keener, 2385 Forney Hill Rd., Denver 28037	483-2414

Nominating Committee Cont'd

Media Director	Gloria Perkins, Rt. 7 Box 415, Lincolnton 28092	735-5540
Media Assistants	Marie Caldwell, Rt. 7 Box 544A, Lincolnton 28092	735-3692
	Sallie Richardson, Rt. 2 Box 69, Iron Station 28080	735-2816
Trustee Chairman	Julius Sherrill, 203 Buffalo Shoals Rd.,Lincolnton 28092	735-2676
Trustees	Bill Beard, Rt. 2 Box 411, Newton 28658	428-8302
	David Ross, 720 Huss St., Lincolnton 28092	735-3847

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

American Bible Society-Cecil Parker,915 E. Main, Maiden 28650	428-8648
Annuity Board-Garry Baldwin,2000 Lakeshore Rd.,S.,Denver 28037	483-5851
Baptist Children's Homes-Vivian Jones,	
Baptist Foundation-Don Pendleton,PO Box 159,Lincolnton 28092	735-0483
Baptist Hospital-Rita Felts,Rt. 2 Box 243A, Maiden 28650	428-8381
Baptist Retirement Homes-Alvin Hoyle,812 S.Cedar St.,Lincolnton 28092	
Christian Higher Education-Richard Williams,Rt.4 Box 505W,Newton 28658	465-0134
Christian Life & Public Affairs-Walter Adams,Rt.2 Box 449,Maiden 28650	428-9604
Christian Literature-Melvin Rabb,PO Box 386,Maiden 28650	428-8451
Foreign Missions-Joy Keever,Rt.3 Box 590,Lincolnton 28092	732-0258
Home Missions-Ray Rummage,PO Box 338,Maiden 28650	428-8714
Seminary Extension-Harold King,Rt.1 Box 233,Vale 28168	276-2349
South Mtn. Camp-Virginia Woodruff,Rt.2 Box 341,Maiden 28650	735-4706
Ned Setzer,Rt.5 Box 1062,Lincolnton 28092	735-8119
Robert Wise,Rt.2 Box 196,Lincolnton 28092	276-1840
State Missions-Raymond Hamrick,Rt. 1 Box 206, Maiden 28650	483-5496
Stewardship-Tom Berry,Rt. 4 Box 802, Lincolnton 28092	732-2508

ORGANIZATIONS

Brotherhood Director	Doug Felts,Rt.2 Box 243A,Maiden 28650	428-8381
Baptist Men President		
RA Director	David Mills, Rt.2 Box 113AA,Catawba 28609	478-2609
Church Training Dir.	Neal Alexander,109 Fran Ave.,Lincolnton 28092	732-0654
Adult Director	Raymond Hamrick,Rt.1 Box 206,Maiden 28650	483-5496
Youth Director	Sheila Sipe,615 N.Mtn. St.,Cherryville 28021	435-9077
Children's Director	Wanda Cornwell,Rt. 6 Box 307C,Lincolnton 28092	735-9992
Preschool Director	Lyn Owen,Rt. 3 Box 1, Lincolnton 28092	732-0075
Music Director	Phil Campbell, PO Box 714, Lincolnton 28092	732-1101
Adult Director	Harold Caldwell,1217 E.Main,Maiden 28650	428-9480
Youth Director	Angela Ballard,Rt.2 Box 500,Iron Station 28080	483-3926
Older Children's Dir.	Debbie Whisenant,Rt. 8 Box 1143,Lincolnton 28092	735-4409
Younger Children's Dir.	Brenda Groce,Rt.4 Box 227-1,Newton 28658	464-9280
Preschool Activity Dir.	Edna Ruth Pennell,Rt.3 Box 519A,Maiden 28650	428-2325
Sunday School Dir.	Jeff Cranford,PO Box 714,Lincolnton 28092	732-1101
Adult Director	Lue Bryant,227 Story St.,Lincolnton 28092	735-5573
Youth Director	Virginia Wright,Rt.1 Box 115,Maiden 28650	428-8890
Children's Director	Suzanne Cranford,908 Danbrook Circle,Lincolnton 28092	735-1650
Older Preschool	Edna Ruth Pennell,Rt.3 Box 519A,Maiden 28650	428-2325
Younger Preschool	Mildred Blackburn,Rt.1 Box 156,Maiden 28650	428-8390
Outreach Director	Andy Broughton,Rt.2 Box 635,Iron Station 28080	735-6624

Nominating Committee Cont'd

VBS Director	Robert Wensil,Rt.1 Box 12, Iron Station 28080	735-9679
Adult Director	Gary Rankin,Rt.2 Box 88,Stanley 28164	263-8321
Youth Director	Buddy Pigg,Rt.2 Box 497,Maiden 28650	428-2168
Older Children's Dir.	Marty Wensil,Rt.1 Box 12, Iron Station 28080	735-9679
Middle Children's Dir.	Shirley Dellinger,Box 331,Lincolnton 28092	735-7612
Younger Children's Dir.	Helen Helms,Rt.1 Box 420,Lincolnton 28092	735-8294
Older Preschool Dir.	Cynthia Gardner,Box 534,Maiden 28650	428-9853
Middle Preschool Dir.	Betty Gilleland,Rt.2 Box 428C,Maiden 28650	483-5575
Missions/Backyard	Georgianna Martin,Box 30 Lowesville Sq., Stanley 28164	827-2066
WMU Director	Abbie Bearden,Rt.1 Box 335,Alexis 28006	263-1347
Asst. WMU Director	Kathie Aiken,Rt.3 Box 469B,Lincolnton 28092	735-7177
Mission Study Dir.	Betty Setzer,Rt.5 Box 1062,Lincolnton 28092	735-8119
Mission Support Dir.	Virginia Wright,Rt.1 Box 115,Maiden 28650	428-8890
Mission Action Dir.	Rita Katz,Rt.4 Box 213A,Vale 28168	276-2980
Enlistment/Enlargement	Shirley Alexander,109 Fran Ave.,Lincolnton 28092	732-0654
Secretary-Treasurer	Edna Pitts,111 Wendover Dr.,Lincolnton 28092	732-1079
Baptist Women Dir.	Martha Mize,Rt.1 Box 299,Alexis 28006	263-8295
Asst. BW Dir.	Betty Reynolds,302 Spring Hill,Maiden 28650	428-3922
Baptist Young Women's Director	Faye Smith,Rt.8 Box 1020,Lincolnton 28092	735-5010
Asst. BYW Dir.	Paulette Calaway,Rt.5 Box 1046H,Lincolnton 28092	735-9469
Acteen Director	Debbie Behling,Rt.1 Box 495,Iron Station 28080	732-2637
Asst. Acteen Dir.	Maledia Cole,Rt.1 Box 186-29,Denver 28037	483-5207
Girl's in Action Dir.	Rita Felts, Rt.2 Box 243A,Maiden 28650	428-8381
Asst. GA Dir.	Marla Lewis,Rt.2 Box 630E,Lincolnton 28092	732-0986
Mission Friend's Dir.	Cynthia Gardner,Box 534,Maiden 28650	428-9853
Asst. MF's Dir.	Becky Abernethy,113 Caprice Circle,Lincolnton 28092	732-1048
Centennial Chairman		
Youth Coordinator	Mark Beasley,Rt.2 Box 540,Newton 28658	464-2271
Sunday School	Virginia Wright,Rt.1 Box 115,Maiden 28650	428-8890
Church Training	Sheila Sipe,615 N.Mtn. St.,Cherryville 28021	435-9077
Music	Angela Ballard,Rt.2 Box 500,Iron Station 28080	483-3926
RA	David Mills, Rt.2 Box 113AA,Catawba 28609	478-2609
Acteen	Debbie Behling,Rt.1 Box 495,Iron Station 28080	732-2637
VBS	Buddy Pigg,Rt.2 Box 497,Maiden 28650	428-2168

NC BAPTIST FOUNDATION
Don Pendleton

The purpose and objective of the Baptist Foundation has been, from the date of its incorporation and by the terms of its charter, to assist individual Baptists to find ways of continuing their support of all Baptist causes - institutions, agencies, mission causes - with estate and deferred gifts. As a result, trust funds are now administered which benefit

local churches, associations, specific mission objects and offerings, and every agency, school, and institution supported by Baptists.

In 1985, NC Baptists placed over one million dollars in new trust agreements with the Foundation, making provision for the perpetual support of practically every Baptist cause. Endowment of Cooperative Program was a primary trust designation.

It is now possible through the Foundation for each Baptist to "Give it Twice", once to family, then to Kingdom causes. Through properly constructed trusts and Wills, family members and friends can receive from one's estate, over a period of years, an amount exactly equal to, or even greater than the estate portion they would normally receive through an ordinary estate distribution. With the "Give it Twice" plan, after the family receives their portion, the entire estate principal is still intact, with the income from the entire estate available for Christian causes - forever. If giving is exciting for the Christian, giving it twice is surely twice as exciting!

An indirect, but profound benefit of Foundation services to the local church has been the enhancement of individual stewardship growth and commitment. In nearly every instance, those who elect to commit to Kingdom use a portion of their estate assets, are during their lifetime more committed stewards. They enjoy their giving, and this happy, conscious stewardship dedication must be a profit for the church.

The Foundation seeks to inform Baptist people of:

1. Their responsibility as stewards to make provision for the future use of their resources.
2. The critical need experienced by all Baptist causes for endowment support - the ongoing, assured support of those who support them now.
3. Ways by which these realities may be met and accomplished.
4. Counsel in wise decisions for endowing any Baptist cause - for instance, the Foundation may discourage a trust for a cemetery fund if the church already receives more funds than are needed to maintain that cemetery.

In summary, every cause the church promotes and supports can be endowed for perpetual and "forever" support. The Foundation's role is to help the church, church members, and congregations find the best ways to do so.

NC BAPTIST HOSPITAL
Rita Felts

During the past year, Baptist Hospital admitted 23,535 patients for a total of 195,243 days of patient care. These patients came from all across North Carolina, from 31 other states and the District of Columbia.

Eight patients came from outrside the United States. An additional 252,043 ambulatory patients were seen in the outpatient clinics and the emergency department.

These people came to Baptist Hospital because it has the medical expertise and the technical equipment required to provide the tertiary health care they needed. For example, Baptist Hospital surgeons successfully removed a relatively rare tumor from the interior surface of a woman's heart. Plastic surgeons were able to remove scar tissue and restore hair growth for a child who lost 40% of her hair-bearing scalp in a kitchen fire. Around-the-clock efforts of surgeons saved the lives of nine young people who drank potasium hydroxide (lye) thinking it was wine.

Carbon dioxide laser is now being used to treat some cases of early cancer of vocal cords, usually leaving patients with normal or near normal speech. Four types of lasers are used in treating problems of the eye.

A new lithotripter uses high energy shock waves to break up large kidney stones. This alternative to surgery saves money, pain and recovery time for many patients. Most patients can be discharged the day after treatment and can return to work within a week after therapy.

During the past year, the medical center has begun an emergency helicopter service to transport victims of trauma to the hospital more rapidly and also to transfer patients from one hospital to another. The helicopter not only provides faster transportation but is equipped and staffed to provide emergency care for patients while they are in transit.

The School of Pastoral Care continues its outreach through its satellite centers in Fayetteville, Morganton and Charlotte with opportunities also in other communities such as North Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Asheville and Rockingham. (The Raleigh Center has become independent.) These centers, together with the one in Winston-Salem, provided 24,553 hours of counseling during the past year. Chaplains in the hospital made 56,460 visits with patients, families and employees. The School of Pastoral Care provided clinical pastoral education to 694 ministers and trainees through a total of 71 CPE programs.

The medical center's $150 million facilities expansion program is on schedule and within budget. New facilities will include a new patient tower, a new clinical services building, an addition to the research facilities and a building to house the magnetic resonance imaging scanner.

During the past fiscal year, Baptist churches of North Carolina gave $566,307 through the Cooperative Program and $374,238 through the North Carolina Missions Offering. These gifts help make possible two of the distinctive ministries of the hospital: pastoral care and benevolent care. For these, the staff and the patients are most grateful to North Carolina Baptists.

ORDINATION COMMITTEE
Floyd Kirksey

The Ordination Committee met on occasions to review the following candidates for ordination (also shown are the requesting churches):

Jay Setzer, April 22	Westport Baptist Church
Joel S. Collette, April 22	Craig Memorial Baptist Church
Bruce Ray Caldwell,June 5	Mount Ruhama Baptist Church
Victor Alvarado, July 17	Harvest Time Baptist Church

These were examined on Biblical doctrine and Baptist polity, conversion experience and call to the ministry and recommendation was made that the churches proceed with the respective ordinations.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The Properties Committee met during the year and reviewed the condition of the building. It was agreed to paint the Associational Office inside and out. Bids are now being received for the painting.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
Darrell Bost

On behalf of the 108th Annual Meeting of the South Fork Baptist Association, we wish to make the following resolution:

WHEREAS, our host church was Boger City Baptist Church, Lincolnton;

WHEREAS, B.J. Morris presided at the October 20 session and Robert Wensil presided at the October 21st session. The following persons participated on the program: Harold Caldwell, Jr., Max Turner, Glain S. Pennell, Norma Keever, Bob Wise, Shirley Alexander, Fred Carpenter, Harold King, Dale Gilbert, Bobby Simmons, Christopher White, Lamar Tribble, Tom Berry, Judi Grice, Lee Roy Smith, Virginia Wright, Blair Wilkinson, Jeff Cranford, Darrell Bost, Bill Bigham, Boger City Senior Saints Choir, Coy Privette, J.W. Crouse.

WHEREAS, the officers and leaders of our association have given of their time and talents;

WHEREAS, this session would have been to no avail without the presence of each messenger and visitor;

WHEREAS, God has given us many avenues of blessing. . .

We say THANK YOU and may God continue to bless His children!

SEMINARY EXTENSION
Harold King

Our CHRISTIAN STUDIES CENTER continues to give opportunity for Biblical and related studies through the Seminary Extension Department of the SBC. Last Spring Glain Pennell taught The Book of Acts in the associational office, with twelve students participating. Several of these have previously completed other courses,applying them toward a diploma. Diplomas are offered in three areas of ministry, each requiring sixteen designated courses of study.

Presently, Floyd Loftin is teaching the course Epistle of Paul To Romans, and we are looking to the future with the possibility of having a new course Clinical Pastoral Training.

Courses are designed for both ministers and lay persons, and we are pleased to answer your questions about Seminary Extension as provided through our Christian Studies Center, or for Home Study. Feel free to contact extension director, Harold King, or the association office.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP
Virginia Woodruff

Thirty years ago God enabled the churches of Region 8 of North Carolina Baptist to develop a camp for the promotion of Missions and the reaching of children and youth for Christ. This was in the dream of the late M.L. Smith of Fallston, NC when he donated most of the land for this camp.

Without exception, God has done a wonderful work each year. Churches and interested individuals have prayed and given financial support. Through the years they rejoice with us knowing that so many young lives have been blessed.

There were 966 who attended our regular camps. Many visitors came each week. There were 1200 attending day camps and retreats. There were 87 saved and 181 other decisions. Campers made a commitment to be a fruit-bearing Christian and led to pray each day for world missions.

It was thrilling to hear many of the campers give testimony about receiving Christ or rededicating their life to Him.

All of us were challenged by our theme to be more involved in bearing Christian fruit and glorifying the Father (John 15:8). In our camp program children are involved in Bible study, mission study, memorizing scripture, worship and recreation.

Please join with us in daily prayer that campers will continue to grow spiritually and be fruit-bearing Christians.

Rejoice with us that the Retreat Center is being used. We have three other cottages for retreats. Contact us for retreats.

STATE MISSIONS
Raymond Hamrick

Changing lives is what "The **New** State Missions Offering" is all about. God's dream that every person on earth will come to know Him and will CHOOSE TO LOVE HIM AND SERVE HIM WITH ALL OF LIFE will come true with our help. The **New** State Missions Offering IS changing lives -- and when you become involved, you BECOME A LIFE CHANGER TOO!

In November 1985 the messengers to the State Convention voted to provide two offerings to replace the NCMO (Six in One State Missions offering). So, beginning January 1, 1986, the State sponsored offerings were:

(1) **Homes & Hospital Offering - May**

50%	Baptist Children' Homes
25%	Baptist Hospital
25%	Baptist Retirement Homes

(2) **State Missions Offering - September**

6.23%	Caraway
6.28%	Caswell
12.44%	Caswell Capital Fund
7.47%	Baptist Men
12.44%	Heck Jones (WMU)
12.44%	Higher Education Scholarships
2.48%	Christian Action League
40.27%	Mission Ministries

Therefore, the goal for the 1986 **New** State Missions Offering is divided as follows: Homes & Hospital Offering ($1,600,000); State Missions Offering ($1,125,000).

The **New** State Missions Offering means ministering to needs in every area of our state. Therefore, Baptists of North Carolina are able to carry on a multi-faceted ministry throughout the state because you see the need, share God's dream, and respond with your generous contributions. Some of these ministries include: Seminary Extension, Associational Development, Pastoral Aid, Ministry to Handicapped Persons (visually, mentally, aurally), Language Work, Resort Missions, Migrant Ministry, etc.

We of the South Fork Association have received direct benefits this year through allocations from the **New** State Missions Offering, such as: support for the Resort Ministries at Cross County, Shady Rest, and Little Campgrounds; Pastoral Aid to two churches and one mission; and Seminary Extension.

Your prayer support and monetary contributions through the **New** State Missions Offering and the Cooperative Program are very much appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP
Wayne Haynes

We have had a rather good year in our Cooperative Program giving. Total gifts from all our churches from January 1986 until September 30, were $308,348.71. This is an increase over 1985 of $39,267.57. This reflects a growing awareness of stewardship responsibilities in our churches.

Working together with our Stewardship Division of our Baptist State Convention, our Associational Stewardship Committee had a seminar on April 15. This seminar, along with the stewardship session of the Key Leadership Conference of our Association, helped our churches greatly. The primary emphasis of our stewardship seminar next year will be on Christian Money Management.

As your chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the association, I was privileged to attend the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest this past year. This was a most challenging and informative conference. Much of the material we studied has been prepared for Pastors and other church leaders of our association and mailed to them. I hope that all this material will be made available and studied by our members. I'm persuaded that a Christian Money Management Seminar in our churches will add much to the total stewardship of each member. It is our desire that many of our churches will do this.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE
Rebekah Josey

April 6, 1986 was designated by our committee as Student Assistance Day. Many of our churches took special offerings designated "Student Assistance", others included it in their budget. For each of these contributions, we say "**thanks**". It's because of your efforts that the Student Assistance Fund exists.

As for its purpose, the Student Assistance Committee, composed of six members, receives requests and makes decisions concerning disbursement of available funds for student assistance.

This year, six grants were awarded, with applications being received for the winter semester now.
All those students applying are very deserving. It is our goal that some day our funds will be such that all those applying (if eligible based on the guidelines) will receive a grant.

Please pray for this work, and continue to support it financially when possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The ASSIST members attended training during Sunday School week at Ridgecrest. The team was invited by Westport Church to provide one night training for the church Sunday School workers. The team has planned an Associational Sunday School Training Clinic in 1987.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Norma Keever

Financial Report
October 1, 1985 - September 30, 1986

Balance on hand September 30, 1985:		$9,333.84
Receipts:		
Amity	700.00	
Antioch	1,200.00	
Bethel	360.00	
Boger City	*3,600.00	
Buffalo Shoals	-0-	
Calvary	2,411.87	
Cedar Grove	600.00	
Center View	2,399.28	
Craig Memorial	1,824.91	
Crouse	513.03	
David Memorial	400.00	
Denver	2,452.23	
East Maiden	1,500.00	
Faith	1,620.00	
Fellowship	1,320.09	
Friendly Chapel	1,058.13	
Gainsville	2,718.80	
Howard's Creek	-0-	
Hudson Chapel	500.00	
Hull's Grove	1,560.00	
Lawing's Chapel	1,000.00	
Leonard's Fork	394.69	
Lincoln Avenue	2,923.22	
Lincolnton,1st	2,400.00	
Long Shoals	777.99	
Macedonia	1,300.00	
Maiden,1st	2,400.00	
Massapoag	200.00	
Mt. Anderson	1,000.00	
Mt. Ruhama	1,550.00	
Mt. Zion	2,196.22	
Mtn. View	2,925.00	
New Hope	280.00	
North Brook	1,423.56	

Oak Grove	964.59		
Olivet	1,608.00		
Pearl	2,566.19		
Piney Grove	1,095.70		
Reepsville	2,772.56		
River View	1,900.21		
Roseland	732.27		
Salem	2,100.00		
Sharon	2,053.51		
Southside	1,634.10		
Temple	86.00		
Terrell	20.00		
Webb's Chapel	1,456.36		
Westport	3,195.00	69,693.51	
Withheld Taxes		1,358.91	
Annuals		943.25	
Interest		410.65	
Pastoral Support		3,554.97	
Christmas for Alvarado Children		105.00	
Transfer from Missions for Pastoral Support		2,100.00	
Media Workshop		227.48	
Seminary Extension		618.00	
Transfer from Missions - Ridgecrest for Alvarados'		510.25	
Sales Tax Refund		405.46	
American Bible Society		7.05	
Transfer from Money Market-Folding Machine/Phone		1,642.68	
Baptist State Convention (Victor Alvarado support)		624.00	
Transfer from Missions (Renovation-Harvest Time)		1,500.00	
RA Cookout		156.00	83,857.21
*Includes 1984/85 contribution			93,191.05

Disbursements:

Director of Mission's Salary	17,834.00
Social Security	1,910.25
Car Allowance	4,000.00
Housing Allowance	6,824.97
Conference & Denominational	1,266.20
Retirement Plan	2,408.28
Hospital Insurance	1,596.30
Life Insurance	936.75
Disability Insurance	192.33
Office Supplies,Postage	4,140.26
Office Utilities	1,709.02
Office Telephone	1,281.01
Office Secretary	7,215.03
Social Security, Secretary	512.34
Retirement Plan, Secretary	721.53
Insurance, Secretary	399.96
Contingent Salaries	440.75
Janitor & Supplies	1,528.39

Treasurer's Report Cont'd

Building Maintenance	45.34	
Maintenance Contracts	649.00	
Annual Meeting	295.36	
Church Training	332.50	
WMU	1,470.62	
Media Center	227.00	
Evangelism	547.09	
Insurance, Property/Workman Comp	567.00	
Christmas Bonuses	350.00	
Sunday School	540.51	
Christmas Gifts - Alvarado Children	105.00	
Clerk	450.00	
Treasurer	450.00	
Music	96.82	
Missions Projects	625.00	
Area Resort Ministries	300.00	
Seminary Extension	756.78	
New Equipment	473.61	
VBS	168.34	
Youth Coordinator	284.16	
Brotherhood	112.68	
Ministers' Conference	25.00	
Miscellaneous	615.26	
Withheld Taxes	1,358.91	
Pastoral Support-Victor Alvarado	5,953.97	
Ridgecrest-Alvarado Family	510.25	
Media Workshop	252.40	
Press Printing-Annuals	1,086.80	
Gray & Creech-Folding Machine	1,142.68	
RA Cookout	103.65	
Edward Helms (Renovation of Harvest Time)	1,500.00	76,313.10

Balance on hand September 30, 1986: 16,877.95

Summary of Cash:		
Budget	15,767.80	
Annuals	378.51	
Seminary Extension	354.29	
Pastoral Support (Victor A.)	325.00	
RA Cookout	52.35	16,877.95

Other Associational Funds:	
Mission Projects	1,752.66
Student Assistance	1,293.88
Money Market Account	12,316.85

Total Church Contributions October 1, 1985-December 31,'85 17,159.51
Total Church Contributions January 1, 1986-September 30,'86 52,534.00

Treasurer's Report Cont'd

Church contributions received for Victor Alvarado:

Antioch	675.00	Macedonia	300.00
Bethel	125.00	Mt. Ruhama	50.00
Boger City	50.00	Mtn. View	225.00
David Memorial	100.00	Pearl	50.00
Denver	100.00	Reepsville	114.00
Fellowship	50.00	River View	775.00
Gainsville	100.00	Sharon	510.00
Lincolnton, First	150.00	Webb's Chapel	76.00
Lincoln Avenue	104.97	TOTAL:	$3,554.97

Received from Baptist State Convention	624.00
Church contributions (shown above)	3,554.97
Transfer from Missions	2,100.00
Disbursed to Victor Alvarado	5,953.97
Balance in Account	325.00

Budget Report
September 1986

	Budget	Todate	This Month	Balance
Director of Mission's Salary	18,000.00	13,500.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
Social Security	1,930.00	1,447.50	482.50	482.50
Car Allowance	4,000.00	2,997.00	333.00	1,003.00
Housing Allowance	7,000.00	5,249.97	583.33	1,750.03
Conferences & Denominational	1,300.00	1,211.20	65.00	88.80
Retirement Plan	2,500.00	1,874.97	208.33	625.03
Hospital Insurance	2,000.00	1,160.91	128.99	839.09
Life Insurance	750.00	749.25	83.25	.75
Disability Insurance	200.00	149.13	16.57	50.87
Office Supplies, Postage	4,000.00	3,204.04	236.35	795.96
Office Utilities	2,200.00	1,395.05	152.99	804.95
Office Telephone	*1,500.00	1,070.85	185.62	429.15
Office Secretary	7,280.00	5460.03	606.67	1,819.97
Social Security, Secretary	521.00	390.37	130.13	130.63
Retirement Plan, Secretary	728.00	546.03	60.67	181.97
Insurance, Secretary	400.00	299.97	33.33	100.03
Contingent Salary	500.00	251.85	-0-	248.15
Christmas Bonuses	350.00	-0-	-0-	350.00
Janitor & Supplies	2,000.00	1,146.82	180.00	853.18
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	45.34	-0-	954.66
Insurance, Properties/Workman Comp	700.00	539.00	-0-	161.00
Maintenance Contracts	825.00	399.00	-0-	426.00
Clerk	450.00	337.50	112.50	112.50
Treasurer	450.00	337.50	112.50	112.50
Annual Meeting	700.00	-0-	-0-	700.00
Sunday School	750.00	420.51	159.51	329.49
Church Training	400.00	218.75	17.35	181.25

Treasurer's Report Cont'd

Youth Coordinator	600.00	284.16	-0-	315.84
WMU	1,480.00	899.51	71.63	580.49
Brotherhood	450.00	112.68	46.35	337.32
Music	500.00	-0-	-0-	500.00
Media Center	400.00	216.28	24.92	183.72
Evangelism	500.00	522.87	-0-	(22.87)
Mission Projects	600.00	25.00	25.00	575.00
Area Resort Ministries	300.00	-0-	-0-	300.00
VBS	225.00	168.34	-0-	56.66
Seminary Extension	150.00	150.00	-0-	-0-
Minister's Conference	100.00	25.00	-0-	75.00
New Equipment	700.00	473.61	-0-	226.39
Miscellaneous	800.00	553.77	188.07	246.23
TOTAL:	$69, 239.00	47,833.76	5,742.56	21,405.24

*Amended-reflects $500 drawn from Money Market per Assn. Board)

TRUSTEES
Julius Sherrill

ASSETS:	Associational Office Building		$115,500
	Equipment		40,000
	Insurance:(Replacement Cost)		
	Building	$95,000	
	Contents	36,000	
	Operating Checking Account		16,877.95
	Mission Account		1,752.66
	Student Assistance		1,293.88
	Money Market Account		12,316.85
TOTAL ASSETS:			$187,741.34

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Robert Wensil

The Associational VBS team attended the state VBS training session in March. Two associational clinics were offered: Pre-clinic for pastors and directors with 25 present, and a worker training clinic with 169 present. Also, two clinics offering training in Mission VBS and Backyard Bible Clubs were held with 14 in attendance.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Milly Clark

Our 1985-86 emphasis "Multiply the Vision" was used throughout the year. Some highlights are:

NOVEMBER-There was a record number of 543 in attendance for the Baptist Women Banquet. The oldest WMU member from each church was recognized, along with their pastor. The event was recorded on video to be placed in the associational office.

The annual GA Mother/Daughter/Leader Banquets were held at Salem and Mt. Ruhama, with Mr. & Mrs. Larry Phillips from Peru as guest speakers. There were approximately 300 in attendance.

JANUARY-On January 8, 1986, most of our churches celebrated the 100th Birthday of NC WMU with a service followed by a birthday party.

FEBRUARY-The Home Mission Study was taught February 19 at First Baptist Church in Lincolnton. The Mission Friend's study was centered around Chaplain Graham at St. Judes Hospital in Memphis. GA's and RA's had 44 in attendance for their study. Acteens' study was entitled "Turn Your World Upside Down". The adult study had approximately 125 in attendance.

APRIL-On April 11, the Acteens had an Associational Event at Gainsville Church. April 1, the WMU Annual Meeting was held at David Memorial. Theme for this centennial program was "And Now . . . Tomorrow". The program planned by our state WMU centennial committee was used with representatives from each age-level on the program.

MAY-On May 3 the Baptist Women's Prayer Breakfast was held at First Baptist Church, Lincolnton with Mrs. Jack Mace as guest speaker. It was truly an inspiring program. It was well attended, and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Our Centennial Chairman has worked very hard this year carrying out the many special activities.

Our Enlistment Enlargement director has attended special seminars for enlistment and has led our churches to do more in missions.

Again, we took part in a "Mission Action Project" by contributing financially to purchase gifts for the Women's Correctional Institute in Raleigh.

Other mission action needs were presented to us from time to time.

Mission Support was carried out in our meetings as we held up our missionaries in prayer.

It has been a great year. Our centennial celebration was a highlight for this year. The annual meeting in Raleigh and the special dinner for the Associational WMU Officers was great.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as WMU Director.

YOUTH
Phil Campbell

Developing Youth Spiritually, Intellectually, Emotionally, Physically, and Musically continues to be the main goal(s) of the Youth ministry in the South Fork Association.

It has been greatly rewarding to serve in the position of the Associational Youth Ministries Coordinator. Together, we have seen our youth respond to the call of Christ and to one another through various associational events.

I thank God for the youth of our association: for their zeal and enthusiasm. May it spill over into each of our lives as we continue to minister together for the cause of Jesus Christ.

1986/87 Associational Youth Council
Youth Coordinator - Mark Beasley
Youth Sunday School - Virginia Wright
Youth Church Training - Sheila Sipe
Youth Music - Angela Ballard
Pioneer RA's - David Mills
Acteens - Debbie Behling
Youth VBS - Buddy Pigg

1986/87 Upcoming Events & Ministries

October 27	Youth Council, East Maiden
*December 28	Student Day at Christmas
January 20	Youth Council
*January 30/31	Winter Weekend Retreat (Ridgecrest)
*February 20/21	Winter Weekend Retreat (Ridgecrest)
March 14	Associational Youth Night
March 8-15	YOUTH WEEK
March 16	Youth Council (Luncheon)
May 18	Youth Ministers (Directors) Fellowship
*May 29/30	Youth Jubilee (Gardner-Webb College)
*June 12-18	Summer Youth Celebration (Ridgecrest)
*July 10	Youth Evangelistic Crusade (Greensboro)
August 17	Youth Council
August 29	Associational Youth Rally

Summer Youth Weeks at CASWELL & RIDGECREST

*State & Southern Baptist Convention Planned Events

DIGEST OF LETTERS

	1985	1986	Gain (Loss)
Total Baptisms	366	436	70
Additions by Letter, etc.	409	442	33
Total Membership	14,843	15,172	329
Sunday School Enrollment	9,246	9,326	80
VBS Enrollment	4,601	4,478	(123)
Church Training Enrollment	2,550	2,602	52
WMU Enrollment	2,192	2,358	166
Brotherhood Enrollment	1,219	1,247	28
Church Music Enrollment	2,411	2,539	128
Total Receipts	$4,161,497	$4,677,067	$515,570
Cooperative Program Gifts	$349,802	$403,251	$53,449
Total Mission Gifts	$733,496	$837,795	$104,299
Gifts to Association	$63,317	$68,819	$5,502

1985 is based on 47 of 47 churches/2 missions.

1986 is based on 48 of 48 churches/2 missions.

HISTORY

AMITY-ordained Robert Helton for ministry.

ANTIOCH-dedication of bell tower and monument in memory and honor of charter members.

BETHEL-added new heating system, carpet, drapes, cushions for pulpit chairs, table runner and stand runners; new carpet and floor covering, curtains, washer and some remodeling in pastorium. All has been paid off.

CEDAR GROVE-remodeled fellowship building.

DAVID MEMORIAL-paved parking lot; elected Media Director; licensed Leroy Shelton to ministry; called Minister of Music and Youth; Witnessing Women study taught.

GAINSVILLE-dedicated new fellowship building.

LAWING'S CHAPEL-revised constitution.

LINCOLN AVENUE-hired summer youth worker; group worked in inner city mission in Savannah.

MACEDONIA-paid $21,698 over and above regular church payment.

MASSAPOAG-church became debt-free on September 21, 1986.

MT. ANDERSON-completed basement and dedicated recreation field; new draperies in basement.

MT. RUHAMA-Rev. Mark Beasley called as Minister of Youth and Education; Bruce Ray Caldwell ordained to the ministry and called as Minister of Youth & Ed. at Spencer Baptist Church, Spindale, NC.

MT. ZION-installed new heat pump in parsonage; purchased new copier for bulletins, etc.

NORTH BROOK-called Rev. Max L. Turner, Jr. as pastor. Rev. Turner and his family came in November, 1985. We welcome Mackie, Toni, and Brandy.

RIVER VIEW-Katrina Shields served as Summer Youth Worker.

TEMPLE-added steeple to church.

WESTPORT-Jay Setzer ordained; started before and after school care program; purchased new bus; purchased 2.5 acres of land.

In Memory

AMITY
Mr. Frank Perkins

ANTIOCH
Bessie Shufford
Eddie Haskins

BETHEL
Mrs. Cynthia Mull
Mr. Marion Mull

BOGER CITY
Deacon Neil Reid Campbell
Mr. Floyd A. Sanders
Mr. S. David Childers
Mrs. Lola M. Long
Mrs. Elsie H. Hovis
Mrs. Ocia H. Bumgarner
Deacon George Lingerfelt
Mrs. Jenny Loyless
Mrs. Jessie K. Hauss
Mr. Joseph P. Stamey

CALVARY
Mrs. Frankie Gay
Mrs. Anna Chapman Hawkins
Mr. John Henry Fowler
Mrs. Estelle Frances Green

CEDAR GROVE
Mrs. Sandra Beard

CENTER VIEW
Mrs. Bessie Laney
Mrs. Minnie Goodson
Mr. Tull Burke
Mrs. Dorothy Craig

CROUSE
Deacon Caleb Conner

EAST MAIDEN
Mrs. Ruby Davis
Miss Robin Burleson
Mr. Lester Little

FAITH
Mr. Carl Cope

FELLOWSHIP
Mr. Willard Elkins

GAINSVILLE
Mr. Fred Farmer
Miss Jeanette Hurt

HOWARD'S CREEK
Miss Cecil B. Allen

HULL'S GROVE
Tom Hull
Elizabeth Boyles
Harrison Gantt, Sr.

LAWING'S CHAPEL
Mr. Luther Beal
Ms. Maggie Withers

LEONARD'S FORK
Mrs. Christine Neal
Mr. Harry Lee Hallman
Mr. Ed Self

LINCOLN AVENUE
Mrs. Delsie Ballard
Mrs. Madge Finley
Mr. James Hoyle, Sr.
Mr. Ernest Caldwell
Mr. Ernest Griesman
Mrs. Beatrice Varnadore
Mr. Clinton Henderson
Deacon Clarence Hallman

LINCOLNTON, FIRST
Mrs. Alda Caskey
Mrs. Emily Eaton
Mrs. Malvena Garrison
Mr. Earl Goode
Mr. Charlie Jenkins
Mr. Marion Ramsey
Mrs. Nettie Whiteside

LONG SHOALS
Mr. Grady Loftin
Mrs. Lizzie Mayo
Mr. Alton Rash

MACEDONIA
Mrs. Frank Reel
Mr. Howard Moore

MAIDEN, FIRST
Mr. Charlie Fulbright
Mr. June B. Setzer
Mrs. Roy McCray(Evie Mae)
Mr. Ralph Withers
Mrs. Kitty Reynolds
Mr. Roy L. McCray

MASSAPOAG
Mrs. Betty Lambert
Mrs. Bertha Haywood

MT. ANDERSON
Marcella Sigmon
Rhoda Drum

MT. RUHAMA
Mr. Hobert McCall
Mrs. Minnie Campbell
Mrs. Helen Marlowe
Mr. Allen Dale McCray,Jr.
Mrs. Sue Beard
Mrs. Elma Beard

MTN. VIEW
Deacon Albert Lynch
Mrs. Willie Caldwell

NORTH BROOK
Mr. Darrell Ledford,Jr.
Mr. Charles Davis

OLIVET
Mr. Theodore Moss
Mr. Bob Eades
Mr. Belton Byers
Mr. Jim Anderson
Miss Mary Harwell
Mr. Elmer Settlemyre
Mr. Michael Blackwood

PEARL
Miss Samantha Killian

PINEY GROVE
Mr. Paul Burch
Mrs. Vera Caldwell

REEPSVILLE
Deacon W.M. Scronce

RIVER VIEW
Miss Edith Punch
Mrs. Viola Cline

ROSELAND
Mrs. Elsie Lingerfelt

SALEM
Kenneth Cloninger
Dewayne Christopher
Deacon Jim Plonk
Ordained Minister Verlin Ray
Deacon William H. Boyles

In Memory Cont'd

SHARON
Mr. Clinton Dellinger
Deacon Klutz Hallman
Mrs. Hazel Mullis
Mr. Guy Perkins
Mr. Steve Duvall

SOUTHSIDE
Mrs. Linda W. Mull
Mrs. Mamie Summitt
Mr. Henry Chapman
Mrs. JoAnna Fredell

WEBB'S CHAPEL
Mrs. Maude Dellinger
Mr. Leonard Payseur
Mr. Paul Kiser

WESTPORT
Deacon Bill Sizemore
Deacon Clarence Shelby
Mr. John Hunsucker
Mr. Dean Reep

OCTOBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphases: Cooperative Program; Church Budget Development; Outreach Month			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 WMU Centennial Prayer Retreat, 7:00-9:00 P.M. Boger City	8	9 Regional Evang. Conf.,Hickory	10 Regional Evang. Cong., Charlotte	11
12 World Hunger Day	13 Ministers' Conf. 10:30 A.M. Assn. Office	14 Executive Comm., 6:30 P.M. Assn. Office	15	16 Ministers' Bkfst 8:00 A.M. Acteen Activity	17	18
19	20 ANNUAL MEETING..	21 ..Boger City	22	23	24 BYW Convention, Ridgecrest	25
26	27 Music Council, 6:00 P.M. Youth Council 7:00 P.M.	28 TACMO	29	30 Baptist Men & RA Training 7:00-9:00 P.M. FBC, Maiden	31	

NOVEMBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphasis: Stewardship and Budget Promotion						1
2	3 Ministers' Conf. Church Secretaries BW World Day of Prayer	4 Executive Comm., Conf.,Caraway	5	6 Baptist Women's Banquet, 7:00 P.M. Citizens Center	7	8
Royal Ambassador Week, November 2-8						
9	10 **BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,** Greensboro	11	12	13 GA Banquet	14	15 Church Training Enabler Conf., FBC, Hudson
16 American Bible Society Day	17	18 TACMO	19	20 Ministers' Bkfst GA Banquet	21	22
Foreign Mission Study—1986, November 16-19						
23	24 Associational Church Training "M" Night	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30						

DECEMBER 1986

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
..... Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 30-December 7						
7 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School	8 Ministers' Conf.	9 Executive Comm. 6:30, Denver Assn. Board 7:30, Denver	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 TACMO	17	18 Ministers' Bkfst	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27 Youth Choir Afterglow
28	29	30	31	Emphasis and Activity: Foreign Missions; Student Day at Christmas		

JANUARY 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphasis: Make Your Will Month				1 New Year's Day	2 Minister/Wives' Drop-in, Pennells'	3
4	5 Church Training Workshop	6	7	8	9 ASSIST Training, Ridgecrest	10
	.....Bible Study Week, January 5-9.....					
11 Witness Commitment Day	12 Ministers' Conf.	13 Executive Comm. Brotherhd Council RA Track Plan, 6:30,Westn Steer	14	15 Home Mission Study Institute Ministers' Bkfst	16	17
18	19 WMU Enlistment,7:00,FBC,Lin Music Council 6:30 P.M. Youth Council 7:30 P.M.	20	21	22 Assn. Council, 7:00,Assn.Office	23	24
25 Baptist Men's Day	26	27	28	29	30 Youth Winter Weekend,Ridgecrest	31

FEBRUARY 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Baptist World Alliance Sunday	2 State Evangelism Conf.,Greensboro	3	4	5	6	7 Media Workshop
8 Race Relations Sunday	9 Ministers' Conf.	10 Executive Comm.	11	12	13	14
15 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges, and Schools Day	16	17	18	19 Ministers' Bkfst Sunday School Workers Tng, 7:00,FBC,Linc.	20 Youth Handbell Fes..... Youth Winter Weekend Retreat,Rdgcrest	21
22 Gardner-Webb Ministerial Day Volunteer in Missions Sunday	23	24 Assn. Evangelism Rally,5:00-Supper 5:45-Seminar, 7:30-Rally	25	26	27 Adult Handbell Festival.....	28

Focus on WMU, February 8-14

Home Mission Study—1987, February 15-18

Emphasis:
Baptist Seminaries,
Colleges, and Schools

MARCH 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 State VBS Clinic.....	6 State Youth Choir Festival,Winston	7
.....Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 1-8						
8 Home Mission Day in Sunday School	9 Ministers' Conf	10 Executive Comm. Assn. Board	11	12	13	14 Associational Baptist Youth Night
..... Youth Week, March 8-15						
15	16 Music Council,6:30 Youth Council,7:30	17 Sunday School Area Tng, FBC,Lincolnton	18	19 Ministers' Bkfst	20 WMU Annual Session,Ridgecrest	21
22 Start-a-Church Commitment Day	23	24 History of WMU Study Institute	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Emphasis: Home Missions Promote Student Assistance Sunday, April 5			

APRIL 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphases: Life Commitment and Church Vocations; Church Media Libraries			1	2 Doctrine of Prayer Seminar, 7:00-9:30 FBC, Lincolnton	3	4
5 Student Assistance Day	6	7 WMU Annual Mtg., East Maiden	8	9	10	11
12	13 Ministers' Conf.	14 Executive Comm., Media Fellowship Brotherhood Counci	15	16 Ministers' Bkfst	17	18 RA Track & Field Day,East Lincoln
	Jewish Fellowship Week, April 13-19					
19 Easter Cooperative Program Day	20	21 Stewardship Mtg., 10:30,Western Stee Acteen Activity	22	23 BYW Banquet	24 Single Adult Evan	25 . Conf.,Caraway...
		Baptist Doctrine Study, April 20-24				
26 Life Commitment Sunday	27	28 Assn. VBS Clinic, 7:00-9:00	29	30		

MAY 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphases: Annual Church Council Planning; Chaplaincy Ministries					1	2 Baptist Women's Prayer Bkfst
3 Senior Adult Day	4 Pastor/Church Ing Emphasis	5 Acteen Activity Executive Comm.	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 Ministers' Conf. Key Leadership, Ridgecrest.....	12	13	14	15	16 AdultChoir Fest. 7:30,Linc.Avenue
17 Baptist Radio and Television Sunday	18 Assn. Youth Fellowship for workers, 7:00,East Maiden	19	20	21 Ministers' Bkfst Open House,7:00	22	23
24 31	25	26 Mission VBS & Backyard BC Ing.	27	28	29	30

Baptist Homes & Hospital Emphasis

Christian Home Week, May 3-10

Associational Emphasis Week, May 18-24

JUNE 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Religious Liberty Sunday	8 Ministers' Conf.	9 Executive Comm. Assn. Board	10	11	12	13
14 WMU Annual Meeting, June 14-15 St. Louis, Missouri	15	16 Southern Baptist Convention, June 16-18, St. Louis, Missouri	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 Acteen Activity	24	25 Ministers' Bkfst	26	27
28 Annuity Board Sunday Christian Citizenship Sunday	29	30	Emphases and Activities: Annuity Board Ministries; Baptist Heritage; Planning by Church Organizations and Leadership Training; Conferences: Glorieta and Ridgecrest; Vacation Bible School			

JULY 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphases: Christian Literature: State Papers, Denominational Publications, and Missionary Magazines; Conferences: Glorieta and Ridgecrest			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10 Youth Evangelism Crusade,Greensboro	11
12 Christian Literature Day	13 Ministers' Conf.	14 Executive Comm.	15	16 Ministers' Bkfst	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Student Assistance Committee	29	30	31	

AUGUST 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphases: Conferences: Ridgecrest and Glorieta; On-to-College Day						1
2 Day of Prayer for World Peace	3	4	5	6 Sunday School Mini Week, Caraway...	7	8 .....
9 Language Missions Day	10 Ministers' Conf.	11 Executive Comm.	12	13	14	15
16	17 Music Council, 6:30 Youth Council, 7:30	18	19	20 Ministers' Bkfst	21 Church Training Mini Conf.,Caraway	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Assn.Youth Rally
30	31 Assn. Key Leadership	..... Church Music Growth Week, August 23-30				

SEPTEMBER 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 Executive Comm. Assn. Board	9	10	11	12
13 State Missions Emphasis Single Adult Day	14 Ministers' Conf.	15 Associational Sunday School Leadership Night 7:00 FBC,Lincolnton	16	17 Ministers'Bkfst WMU Leadership	18	19
20	21 Assn. Church Training Workshop	22 Brotherhood/RA Training	23	24	25 Sunday School Leadership,Caraway	26
27	28	29	30			

Week of Prayer for State Missions

Brotherhood Leadership Week, September 6-12

Emphases and Activities:
Foundations, Southern Baptist and State;
Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering (as promoted by states); State Missions Day in Sunday School and Offering (Sunday following Season of Prayer)

Sunday School Preparation Week, September 27-October 4

OCTOBER 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphases: Cooperative Program; Church Budget Development; Outreach Month				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Regional Evang., Hickory FM Mission Study Institute	9	10
11 World Hunger Day	12 Ministers' Conf. Music Council Youth Council	13 Executive Comm.	14	15 Ministers' Bkfst	16	17
18	19 ANNUAL MEETING.....	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Ministers' Conf. BW World Day-Prayer	3 Executive Comm.	4	5 Baptist Women Banq	6	7
Royal Ambassador Week, November 1-7						
8	9 Baptist State Convention.....	10	11	12 GA Banquet	13	14
15 American Bible Society Day	16	17	18	19 Ministers'Bkfst GA Banquet	20	21
Foreign Mission Study—1987, November 15-18						
22	23 Associational Church Training "M" Night	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	Emphasis: Stewardship and Budget Promotion				
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 29-December 6						

DECEMBER 1987

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Emphasis and Activity: Foreign Missions; Student Day at Christmas		1	2	3	4	5
Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, November 29-December 6						
6 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School	7	8 Executive Comm. Assn. Board	9	10 Student Asst. Committee	11	12
13	14 Ministers'Conf.	15	16	17 Ministers'Bkfst.	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27 Student Day At Christmas	28	29	30	31		